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Births.

FAUNCE.—December 17, at the Vicarage, Yass, the wife of Alured T. Faunce—a son.

HOWARTH.—December 16, 1902, at Dubbo, the wife of Robert Henry Howarth, of Louth—a son.

M'KENZIE.—December 21, at (The Corso) Manly, the wife of W. M'Kenzie, of a son.

M'CARTHY.—November 27, at her residence, Union-street, North Sydney, the wife of W. H. M'Carthy, jun.—a son.

MONRO.—December 14, at Myoe, Sandringham, the wife of Hector Robert Monro—a daughter.

Marriages.

BINNIE—PRITCHARD.—October 18, in London, James Macfarlane, eldest son of John Binnie, Chevy Chase, Brighton, Victoria, to Agnes Rosalind, eldest daughter of the late Rev. Charles Pritchard, D.D., Savilian Professor of Astronomy, Oxford.

JUKES—SUTHERLAND.—November 8, at St. John's, Glebe Point, Sydney, by the Rev. S. S. Tovey, B.A., Louis Reynolds, son of Louis Jukes, of London, to Isabella, sixth daughter of the late John Sutherland, of Aberdeen.

MACARTHUR ONSLOW—BELL.—December 2, at Scots Church, Melbourne, by the Rev. Dr. Marshall, Arthur John Macarthur Onslow, second son of the late Captain Arthur Onslow, R.N., M.L.C., to Christian Leslie Bell, youngest daughter of Mrs. R. L. Bell, of Witchwood, South Yarra.

SOMMERHOFF—BLAIR.—December 17, at St. Philip's, Church-hill, by the Rev. R. B. S. Hammond, Frederick John, son of F. C. Sommerhoff, Sydney, to Myra, eldest daughter of Archibald William Blair, of Balmain.

Pearl Wedding.

On the 24th December, 1872, by the Rev. J. Cosh, M.A., Alexander Cronstedt, of Aneiteum, New Hebrides, to Esther Ellis, of Balmain, Sydney.

Deaths.

BACKHOUSE.—December 23, at his residence, Harefield, 11 Belmore-street, Balmain West, Joseph, the dearly loved husband of Dorothy Ellen Backhouse, aged 49 years. By request no flowers.

BARNETT.—December 22, at her daughter's residence, Zanora, Paddington, Caroline, relict of late John Barnett, aged 78.

FAUNCE.—December 17, at the Vicarage, Yass, Marcus Tasker, infant son of A. T. and Bertha Faunce.

GALBRAITH.—December 23, at her residence, Surrey, Eustace-street, Manly, Laura, beloved wife of R. W. F. Galbraith.

HOCROFT.—December 21, at 37 Merton-street, Balmain West, Rozelle, Helen, the dearly loved wife of Thomas Hocroft, aged 51 years, a native of Rosneath, Scotland.

KENNY.—December 23, 1902, at Prince Alfred Hospital, Camperdown, John, the dearly loved son of Mrs. R. Kenny and the late John Kenney, of Ecceville, Wardell-road, Dulwich Hill, in his 38th year. Sweet Jesus, have mercy on his soul.

MITCHELL.—December 23, 1902, at Bondi, Sydney, Henry Joseph Charles Mitchell, late of Kent, England, and the Royal Navy, aged 74 years. By request, no flowers. Home papers please copy.

MORRELL.—December 21, 1902, at Stewart-street, Paddington, Kate, the beloved wife of George Morrell, and second daughter of W. T. Chidzey, Denison-street, Woollahra, aged 26 years.

MURPHY.—December 23, at his residence, 52 Maria-street, Newtown, Bartholomew Murphy, late cab proprietor, aged 40 years.

ONER-LANE.—December 21, at his son-in-law's residence, Fisher-street, Petersham, in his 83rd year, William Oner-Lane, formerly of Windsor, New South Wales, father of Mrs. Isaac Aarons, Mrs. Jacob Alexander (Petersham), Lady Harris (Darling Point), and Mrs. W. A. Pepper (Flinders-street).

ROBINS.—December 23, at 43 Cragend-street, Darlinghurst, Frederick Augustus Robins, formerly of Wardell, Richmond River, aged 64.

SMITH.—December 23, 1902, at Parramatta District Hospital, Alice, infant daughter of Philip Thomas and Isabella Smith, after an operation, aged 3 years.

TAYLOR.—December 14, at Kilmore, Victoria, Daniel Taylor, dearly loved father of Mrs. T. Mitchell, of Milson's Point, aged 76 years.

WILLIAMS.—November 22, 1902, John Luke Williams, chief officer of W. H. Marston, San Francisco, eldest son of the late Captain Edward and Catherine Williams, late of 23 Ewell-street, Balmain, accidentally killed on board, aged 28 years.

In Memoriam.

CURTIN.—In sad but loving memory of our dear mother, Sarah Curtin, who died December 23, 1900. Inserted by her loving daughters and sons, Liza, Myee, Leslie, and Arnold.

DEHY.—In loving memory of our dear brother, John Dehy, who died December 21, 1901. Inserted by his loving brothers, James and Daniel. R.I.P.

HOWE.—In loving memory of our dear friend John (Jack) Howe, who died through injuries accidentally received December 24th, 1902. Inserted by Elsie, Julia, and Sarah Ferguson.

LAWRENCE.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Alice Lawrence, who departed this life 27th May, 1887, aged 28 years; also our dear father, James Lawrence, who departed this life at Paddington 24th December, 1901, aged 44 years. At rest. Inserted by their loving children, Charles, Mary, Alice, and James.

MAY.—In sad but loving memory of our dear son and brother, Sydney Thomas May, who departed this life December 23rd, 1898, aged 16 years and 4 months.

We will cross the shining river,
We will clasp him to our heart,
Where love shall reign forever,
Where dear ones never part.

Inserted by his loving father and mother, brothers and sisters.

MELL ROSS.—In memory of John Clark Mell Ross, who was killed by the Coogee tram December 24th, 1896. Inserted by his loving mother, sister, and brother-in-law, L. and F. Taverner.

O'HALLORAN.—In sad but loving remembrance of our dear mother, who died 24th December, 1900. Inserted by her sorrowing sons, Thomas, John, James, and William O'Halloran.

REELY.—In loving remembrance of our darling twin son, George, who died December 23, 1901. Buried at W. Cemetery, Willoughby, December 24, 1901.

Another little lamb has gone
To dwell with Him who gave;
Another little darling babe
Is sheltered in the grave.
God needed one more angel child
Amidst his shining band,
And so he dwelt with loving smile,
And clasped our darling's hand.

Inserted by his affectionate mother and father, Mary Jane and William Reely, Pymble.

REELY.—In fondest and loving memory of my darling great grandson, George, who departed this life December 23, 1901. Buried W. Cemetery, Willoughby, December 24, 1901. Twin son of Mary Jane and William Reely, Pymble. "The Lord gave and the Lord taketh away; blessed be the name of the Lord." Inserted by his loving great grandmother, Mary Ann Swarzee, Gordon.

Return Thanks.

Mr. JOHN RUSH and FAMILY wish to return their most sincere THANKS to all kind friends for floral tributes, cards, telegrams, and all expressions of sympathy tendered them in their late bereavement. They also wish to tender their most heartfelt Thanks to Mrs. Winton, in particular, also Mrs. Davidson and Mrs. Campbell for their extreme kindness to Miss Rush during her illness.

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		1903.	1903.	1903.
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BRISBANE	Moira (cargo only), Saturday, 2 p.m., Dec. 27. Wodonga, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Dec. 30
MARYBOROUGH	Moira (cargo only), Saturday, 2 p.m., Dec. 27
BUNDABERG	Moira (cargo only), Saturday, 2 p.m., Dec. 27
GLADSTONE	Wodonga, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Dec. 30
ROCKHAMPTON	Moira (cargo only), Saturday, 2 p.m., Dec. 27. Without transhipment. Wodonga, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Dec. 30
AND ALL QUEENSLAND PORTS to TOWNSVILLE and COOKTOWN	Wodonga, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Dec. 30. Arawatta, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Jan. 6
TOWNSVILLE, COOKTOWN, THURSDAY ISL., BURKETOWN, NORMANTON	Moira (cargo only), Saturday, 2 p.m., Dec. 27 (Transhipping at Brisbane.)
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PORT MACQUARIE.—Electra, This Day, 6 p.m.
NAMBUCCA RIVER.—Euroka, This Day, 5 p.m.
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Cargo received up to 5 p.m. daily; Saturday up to 1 p.m.
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XMAS and NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS, 1902-1903.
STEAMERS to and from Sydney and Newcastle.

Date.	From Sydney.	From Newcastle.
Wed., Dec. 24	Namoi, Midnight	Newcastle, Midnight
Thu., Dec. 25	Newcastle, 11.30 p.m.	Namoi, 11.30 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 26	Namoi, 11.30 p.m.	Newcastle, Midnight
Sat., Dec. 27	Newcastle, 11.30 p.m.	Namoi, 11.30 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 28	Newcastle, Midnight	Newcastle, 5 p.m.
Mon., Dec. 29	Namoi, 11 p.m.	Newcastle, 11.30 p.m.
Tue., Dec. 30	Newcastle, 11 p.m.	Namoi, 11.30 p.m.
Wed., Dec. 31	Namoi, 11.30 p.m.	Newcastle, Midnight
Thu., Jan. 1	Newcastle, Midnight	Namoi, Midnight

SPECIAL. See Sunday Trip.
FARES.—Return, Saloon, 9s; Single, Saloon, 6s; Steerage, 3s 6d each way.
NO BONDED CARGO received 23rd to 26th inclusive.
XMAS DAY.—No cargo received or delivered.
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THE BRIGHTON OF NEW SOUTH WALES.
PROMENADE DECKED, SALOON STEAMERS.
SUMMER TIME-TABLE.

As far as practicable, accidents, strikes, and weather permitting, the Saloon Steamers of this Company will run to and from CIRCULAR QUAY and MANLY, as follows:—

MONDAYS to FRIDAYS inclusive: From Sydney, 6.15, 7.0, 7.25, 8.0, 8.30, 9.30, 10.0, 10.30, 11.0, 11.30, 12.0, 12.30, 1.0, 1.30, 2.0, 2.30, 3.0, 3.30, 4.0, 4.45, 5.15, 5.45, 6.20, 7.0, 7.30, 8.0, 8.30, 9.30, 10.30, 11.30; from Manly, 6.30, 7.15, 7.45, 8.10, 8.45, 9.15, 10.15, 10.45, 11.15, 12.0, 12.30, 1.0, 1.30, 2.0, 2.30, 3.0, 3.30, 4.0, 4.30, 5.0, 5.30, 6.0, 6.30, 7.5, 7.45, 8.30, 9.15, 9.45, 10.15, 11.15.

SATURDAYS: From Sydney, 6.25, 7.0, 7.25, 8.0, 8.30, 9.30, 10.0, 10.30, 11.0, 11.30, 12.15, 12.45, 1.0, 1.30, 2.0, 2.30, 3.0, 3.30, 4.0, 4.30, 5.0, 5.30, 6.15, 7.0, 7.30, 8.0, 8.30, 9.30, 10.30, 11.30; from Manly, 6.30, 7.15, 7.45, 8.10, 8.45, 9.15, 10.15, 10.45, 11.30, 12.0, 12.30, 1.0, 1.30, 2.0, 2.30, 3.0, 3.30, 3.45, 4.30, 5.0, 5.15, 6.0, 6.30, 7.0, 7.45, 8.30, 9.15, 9.45, 10.15, 11.15.

SUNDAYS: From Sydney, 8.30, 9.15, 10.0, 10.30, 11.0, 11.30, 12.0, 12.30, 1.0, 1.30*, 2.0, 2.30, 3.0, 3.15, 3.30, 3.45*, 4.0, 4.30, 5.0, 5.30, 6.0, 6.30*, 7.0, 7.30, 7.45*, 8.0, 8.30, 9.15, 10.15; from Manly, 8.30, 9.15, 9.45, 10.45, 11.15, 12.0, 12.30, 1.0, 1.30, 2.0, 2.15*, 2.45, 3.15, 3.45, 4.0, 4.30, 4.45*, 5.0, 5.30, 6.0, 6.30, 7.0, 7.30*, 7.45, 8.30, 8.45*, 9.0, 9.30, 10.15. * Optional Trips.

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Circular Quay, Sydney, 1st October, 1902.

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Ordinary week day time-table, with a special trip from Sydney at midnight, calling at all wharfs as far as Ryde.
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All Wharfs to Ryde.—Hourly from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., 2.30, 3.0*, 4.0, 5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.15, 10.30, and 11.15 (Special Trip).
All Wharfs to Gladesville.—Hourly from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., 2.30, 3.0*, 4.0, 5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.15, 9.45, 10.30, and 11.15 (Special Trip).
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HEAD OFFICE,
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TENDERS FOR LEASE OF WHARF PROPERTY FRONTING WHITE BAY, BALMAIN.

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The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

By order of the Commissioners.
E. W. AUSTIN, Acting Secretary.
Sydney Harbour Trust Office,
30 Castlereagh-street, Sydney,
8th December, 1902.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

In consequence of the BOARD OF HEALTH having issued a regulation that all Vessels arriving from Hongkong must discharge their cargoes in the stream, consignees of cargo by the steamers of the EASTERN and AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP CO., CHINA NAVIGATION CO., and NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, respectively, are hereby notified that a charge of two shillings and sixpence per ton to cover the cost of lighterage must be paid in addition to freight, before delivery orders will be granted.

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

HOLIDAY EXCURSION TICKETS will be issued from all stations to all stations (except for distances 13 miles and under between stations in the Metropolitan Suburban and Newcastle Suburban sections), by all Trains until THURSDAY, 1st January, 1903, inclusive, available for return until 31st January, 1903.

INTER-STATE TICKETS.

Holiday Excursion Tickets will be issued until THURSDAY, 1st January, to the principal Queensland, Victorian, and South Australian stations, available for return for three months.

CHEAP EXCURSION TICKETS

At 2d per mile First-class Return (minimum 2s), and 1d per mile Second-class Return (minimum 1s), will be issued by the undermentioned trains TO AND FROM ALL STATIONS AT WHICH THE TRAINS ARE SHOWN TO CALL:—

THESE TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR RETURN WITHIN ONE CALENDAR MONTH FROM DATE OF ISSUE, but tickets issued to Sydney will not be available to return by the Melbourne Express, nor will such tickets be available by the Mail Trains leaving Sydney on SUNDAY NIGHTS.

SOUTHERN LINE.

WEDNESDAY, 24th Dec.—3.20 p.m., to Bundanoon; 4.25 and 5.15 p.m., to Goulburn; 8.40 p.m., at Sydney (only) to stations on the Cooma line; 11.20 p.m., to Goulburn.

THURSDAY, 25th Dec.—8.0 a.m., to Goulburn; 5.0 a.m., Goulburn to Sydney.

FRIDAY, 26th Dec.—8.0 a.m., to Goulburn; 8.0 a.m., Goulburn to Sydney; 6.56 a.m., Moss Vale to Sydney.

SOUTH COAST LINE.

WEDNESDAY, 24th Dec.—1.30 and 5.3 p.m. to Kiama; 5.35 p.m., to stations Omega to Nowra only; 8.0 p.m., to Kiama; 11.30 p.m., to Nowra.

THURSDAY, 25th Dec.—7.30 a.m., to Nowra; 4.35 a.m., Nowra to Sydney; 6.35 a.m., Wollongong to Sydney.

FRIDAY, 26th Dec.—7.30 a.m., to Nowra; 7.32 a.m., to Wollongong; 4.35 a.m., Nowra to Sydney.

WESTERN LINE.

WEDNESDAY, 24th Dec.—3 p.m., to Orange; 3.45 p.m., to Katoomba; 4.55 p.m., 5.8 p.m., and 5.25 p.m., to Mount Victoria; 9.15 p.m., to Orange; 11.25 p.m., to stations west of Penrith as far as Wallerawang and to the Mudgee line.

THURSDAY, 25th Dec.—8.10 a.m., to Mount Victoria; 8.30 a.m., to Eskbank.

FRIDAY, 26th Dec.—2.50 a.m. and 8.10 a.m., to Mount Victoria; 8.20 a.m., to Eskbank; 6.15 a.m., from Mount Victoria.

NORTHERN LINE.

WEDNESDAY, 24th Dec.—2.30 p.m., to stations north of Gosford as far as Tamworth; 3.45 p.m. to stations north of Gosford as far as Newcastle; 4.25 p.m. and 7.34 p.m., to Gosford; 8.10 p.m. to Newcastle; 11.15 p.m., to Newcastle and West Maitland.

THURSDAY, 25th Dec.—8.5 a.m., to Newcastle; 12.45 a.m., Newcastle to Sydney.

FRIDAY, 26th Dec.—7.32 a.m., to Gosford; 5.5 a.m., to Newcastle; 5.0 a.m., West Maitland to Sydney.

THE ATTENTION OF PASSENGERS WISHING TO AVOID THE CRUSH is directed to the SPECIAL FAST EXCURSION TRAINS leaving Sydney TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY) as under:—

10.0 a.m., for Katoomba; 3.0 p.m., for Orange; 3.48 p.m., for Katoomba; 4.55 p.m. and 5.8 p.m., for Mount Victoria; 3.20 p.m., for Bundanoon; 4.25 p.m. and 5.15 for Goulburn; 5.3 p.m., for Kiama; 2.20 p.m., for Tamworth; 4.25 p.m., for Gosford. Special accommodation will be provided on these trains to ensure the comfort of passengers.

EXCURSIONS TO THE HAWKESBURY RIVER, IN CONNECTION WITH THE STEAMER GENERAL GORDON.

TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY) and THURSDAY, 24th and 25th December, Train will leave Sydney at 9.10 a.m., and on FRIDAY, 26th December (Boxing Day), at 9.10 and 9.15 a.m. Connecting train will leave Milson's Point on each day at 8.50 a.m. The River Trip will occupy five hours, Seventy miles by rail and 36 by steamer.

RETURN FARES (including Steamer Trip): First-class, 5s 6d; second-class, 3s 6d.

Refreshments can be obtained on board the steamer at seasonable rates.

EXCURSIONS TO PARKESVALE (George's River) via COMO.

TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY), 24th December, Train will leave Sydney at 2.10 p.m., calling at all stations. On BOXING DAY, FRIDAY, 26th December, through Return Tickets to Parkesvale will be issued by Trains leaving Sydney for Como up to 11.30 a.m., inclusive, available for return on day of issue only. Steamer will leave Como for Parkesvale on 26th December at 10.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. Twenty-four miles by rail and 16 by steamer.

RETURN FARES from Sydney (including steamer trip): First-class, 2s 3d; Second-class, 1s 6d.

Refreshments can be obtained on the ground.

There will NOT BE AN EXCURSION TO PARKESVALE on CHRISTMAS DAY, Thursday, 25th December.

COMO and NATIONAL PARK.—On 25th and 26th December, the Maximum Return Fares from Sydney and intermediate Illawarra Suburban Stations to Sans Souci, Sandringham, Mortdale, Oatley, Como, Sutherland, Loftus Junction, and National Park will not exceed 1s 6d First Class and 1s Second Class, available for return on day of issue only.

In addition to the ordinary service and the cheap trains shown above, SPECIAL COUNTRY TRAINS will leave Sydney as follows:—

THURSDAY, 26th DECEMBER.—6.27 a.m. to Wollongong, 9.30 a.m. to Kiama, 8.0 p.m. to Bulli, 9.0 p.m. to Nowra, 9.10 a.m. to Gosford, 7.35 p.m. to Newcastle, 10.0 a.m. to Katoomba, 11.25 p.m. to Richmond and Mt. Victoria.

LATE SPECIAL SUBURBAN TRAINS will also leave Sydney as under:—

WEDNESDAY, 24th DECEMBER.—10.30 p.m. to Hornsby, 12.10 midnight to Hurstville.

FRIDAY, 26th DECEMBER.—10.30 p.m. to Liverpool, 10.30 p.m. to Hornsby, 11.30 p.m. to Belmore.

CAMDEN TRAMWAY.

On FRIDAY, 26th DECEMBER, the 9.57 p.m. Wednesday Tram, Campbelltown to Camden, connecting with the 8.50 p.m. Mail Train from Sydney, WILL RUN.

WORKMEN'S TRAINS.—On 25th and 26th DECEMBER several of the Workmen's Trains will be cancelled, but on 26th DECEMBER additional Trains will run from Homebush and intermediate stations to Sydney, giving a quarter-hourly service between 9.0 and 11.0 a.m.

On CHRISTMAS EVE, 24th December, the 4.58 p.m. Train, Parramatta to Penrith, will not run beyond Blacktown.

On FRIDAY, 26th December, the 4.55 p.m. Express Train, Sydney to Mount Victoria, WILL NOT RUN.

On 25th and 26th DECEMBER 6.50 a.m. Train, Liverpool to Granville, WILL NOT RUN.

On FRIDAY, 26th December, Passengers for Gosford and Newcastle will NOT be conveyed by the North-west Mail leaving Sydney at 7.20 p.m., but must travel by Special Train leaving Sydney at 7.35 p.m.

On FRIDAY, 26th December, the 7.45 a.m. Train from ORANGE to SYDNEY will run through from Katoomba to Sydney similarly to Saturdays and Mondays, arriving Sydney at 4.10 p.m. instead of 4.20 p.m. On this date an Additional Train will leave KATOOMBA for SYDNEY at 1.45 p.m., calling at all stations and platforms to Penrith inclusive, thence stopping at Blacktown, Parramatta, and Strathfield, and will arrive Sydney at 4.57 p.m.

For the convenience of persons wishing to return to Sydney in time for business on Saturday morning, 27th December, Trains will leave Nowra at 4.35 a.m., Goulburn at 5 a.m., Mt. Victoria 6.15 and 6.40 a.m., and Gosford at 6.30 a.m.

MILITARY TOURNAMENT AT ROOTY HILL.

On FRIDAY, 26th December, a Special Train will leave Sydney at 10 a.m., and will call at Rooty Hill at 10.47 a.m. to set down passengers.

A Special Train will leave Rooty Hill for Sydney at 6.35 p.m., arriving in Sydney at 7.45 p.m.

CLOSING OF GOODS SHEDS.

On 25th and 26th December the Goods Shed at Alexandria will be CLOSED, but the Darling Harbour and Redfern Goods Sheds will BE OPEN until 10 a.m. for the Delivery of Perishable Traffic only.

The Goods Sheds at other Stations will be CLOSED, except for the Receipt and Delivery of Perishable Traffic.

CLOSING OF CENTRAL BOOKING OFFICE.

On 25th December the Central Booking Office will be CLOSED, but on 26th December will BE OPEN until 10 a.m. only.

Handbills and further particulars can be obtained from all Stationmasters, and at the Central Booking Office, George-street, Sydney.

By order of the Commissioners.
H. McLACHLAN, Secretary.

GOVERNMENT TRAMWAYS.

CHRISTMAS EVE, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24.

Late trips shown for Saturdays will be run on the following lines:—

Abbotsford, Ashfield-Burwood-Mortlake, Baulkham Hills, Kogarah-Sans Souci, Little Bay, La Perouse.

NORTH SYDNEY LINES.—Saturday time-table all lines. Mosman tram will connect with midnight boat from Circular Quay.

By order of the Commissioners.
H. McLACHLAN, Secretary.

Municipal Council Notices.

BOROUGH OF BALMAIN.

NOTICE is hereby given that Mr. E. F. BOGLE has been duly appointed JOINT VALUER in the place of Mr. John Moffat, resigned, with Mr. R. W. SCALES to make a Valuation of all Rateable Properties within the Borough for the municipal year, 1903-4.

HARRY COX, Mayor.

Town Hall, Balmain,
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Government Notices.

PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD,
50 Young-street, Sydney,
23rd December, 1902.
The PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD invite applications for the undermentioned positions in the Public Service.
APPLICATIONS must be made on a form for the purpose obtainable from this Office or from Clerks of Petty Sessions in Country Districts, and must reach the undersigned not later than the dates specified.
Further particulars are published in the Government Gazette, and can also be obtained on application to this office.

SATURDAY, 27th DECEMBER, 1902.
GARDEN LABOURER at the State Government House, Cranbrook, Double Bay (General Division). Salary 7s per day. Applicants must not be more than 40 years of age, and must be good mowers.

MONDAY, 5th JANUARY, 1903.
MALE HAND: One Fitter-up and Foreman, pay 65s per week.
FEMALE HANDS: Three Improvers to Trousers, pay 10s per week; Six Apprentices, pay 2s 6d per week.
The positions are in the State Clothing Factory, and will be of a permanent nature and graded in the General Division of the Service. Applicants must not be less than 16 nor more than 40 years of age.
By order of the Board.
(9a-72) J. W. HOLLIMAN, Secretary.

SYDNEY HARBOUR TRUST.
TENDERS FOR THE ERECTION OF A COFFEE PALACE.
The Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners hereby notify that they are prepared to receive TENDERS for the Erection of a Coffee Palace at No. 77 Sussex-street.
Plans, specifications, and conditions may be inspected upon application to the Engineer-in-Chief to the Trust.
Tenders, which should be endorsed "Tender for the Erection of a Coffee Palace at No. 77 Sussex-street," must be addressed to the Acting Secretary, and be in his hands not later than 2 p.m. on MONDAY, the 5th January, 1903.
The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.
E. W. AUSTIN, Acting Secretary.
Sydney Harbour Trust Office,
50 Castlereagh-street, Sydney,
18th December, 1902.

PASTORAL LANDS TO BE LEASED.
(Late REMOUNT BREEDING RESERVE, KIMBERLEY.)
TENDERS will be received at THIS OFFICE up to the 4th February, 1903, from persons offering a premium for the RIGHT to LEASE under section 95 of the Land Act, 1898, one or more of the Blocks numbered 1 to 4, and containing 250,000 ACRES each, more or less, and being subdivisions of the area known as the "Reserve for Remount Breeding Purposes," Kimberley.
PLANS showing the position and arrangement of the Lots referred to and forms of application may be obtained from this office.
TENDERS must be accompanied by the amount of the premium offered, together with rent for the half-year, at the rate of 10s per thousand acres per annum. If satisfactory prices are offered leases will issue, but the highest or any Tenders will not necessarily be accepted.
CONDITIONS.
Rent 10s per thousand per annum, payable in advance. The depasturing of 10 head of sheep or one head of large stock per thousand acres entitles the lessee to a REDUCTION of rent by one-half. A penalty of double rental for the remaining portion of the term is imposed if the lessee has not within seven years complied with the conditions as to stocking. Leases expire on the 31st December, 1928.
R. CECIL CLIFTON,
Under-Secretary for Lands.
Department of Lands and Surveys,
Perth,
Western Australia.

Commonwealth of Australia,
Postmaster-General's Department,
19th November, 1902.
QUEENSLAND.
TENDER FOR EXTENSION OF TELEPHONE SWITCHBOARD.
TENDERS will be received at the Office of the Deputy Postmaster-General, Brisbane, up to noon on MONDAY, the 12th day of January, 1903, from persons desirous of contracting for the supply and delivery of an Extension to the present Metallic Circuit Branching System Multiple Switchboard at the Central Telephone Exchange, General Post Office, Brisbane.
General conditions and forms of tender can be obtained and specification seen at the General Post Offices, Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, Perth, Hobart, and Brisbane.
Sealed samples can be seen at the office of the Electrical Engineer or at the Telephone Exchange, General Post Office, Brisbane.
Tenders must be prepared in accordance with the General Conditions, and forwarded to the Deputy Postmaster-General, Brisbane, endorsed "Tender for Telephone Switchboard Extension."
JAMES G. DRAKE,
Postmaster-General.

Commonwealth of Australia,
Postmaster-General's Department,
17th November.
TENDERS will be received at the Office of the Deputy Postmaster-General, Brisbane, till noon, MONDAY, 12th day of January, 1903, for Supply of Telegraph Material as per schedule No. 15. Specifications and samples can be seen and general conditions with forms of tender (schedule 15) obtained at the General Post Offices, Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth, and Hobart. Tenders must be in accordance with general conditions, and neither lowest nor any tender necessarily accepted.
(Signed) JAMES G. DRAKE,
Postmaster-General.

ARMY CONTRACTS.
TENDERS FOR FRESH AND FROZEN MEAT.
TENDERS will be received by the undermentioned Officers not later than TUESDAY, 3rd February, 1903, for the SUPPLIES of FRESH and FROZEN MEAT to Troops throughout South Africa for Twelve Months, commencing on 1st April, 1903.
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THRICE I MARRIED MARY.

BY JOHN OXENHAM.

CHAPTER XXV.—Continued.

When the ladies had retired Lamont asked me quietly,

"Have you got a revolver, Gilbert?"

"Yes, in my bag."

"Well, I suggest we patrol the terraces downstairs to-night. They are sure to formulate their demands in some way. The only way is by water. If we can capture their messenger all the better."

"Right," I said. "I'll be with you in one minute."

The idea was communicated to Vaurel and Vranky Drake, who both jumped at it, and presently we were all quietly pacing each his own allotted beat, bent on letting nothing approach the island without our knowing it.

That was a strange, long, silent watch with the stars shining large and bright overhead, and the waves lip-lapping mournfully against the terraces, and a chill wind rustling through the bushes.

But the dawn came at last. The white peak of Capella caught it first, and glimmered like a ghost above the shadows, then it flushed a faint rosy pink, which mellowed and deepened and tinged with orange, and then flashed out pure silver, and the light travelled downwards into the valleys and it was day. And we had none of us caught a glimpse of anything, not even of the spirit of old Cardinal Rocca-brune, and were everyone of us prepared to state on oath that nothing human had approached the island during the night.

In spite of which, when Prudent Vaurel opened the door of his room he uttered an exclamation and stooped and picked up an envelope which had been pushed under the door.

It was addressed to Signor Crespi, and we took it to him in a body, and waited while he opened it.

"It is from them," he said, and read it aloud, translating it into French as he went on. It ran thus:—

"I have the children. I asked 250,000 lire for the two before. By the good providence of God I now hold four. You can have the lot for 375,000 lire, not one centesimo less. The girl I throw in free. The matter is urgent. You must decide quickly. At present the children are well and well cared for. If you delay they may suffer. If you agree, hang a white flag out of east tower. We mean business.

Rocca-brune."

Signor Crespi scanned the writing closely.

"Whose is it?" I asked.

"It is undoubtedly very like the late Prince Paul's," he said, "but it is, as you see, a very ordinary hand, with nothing distinctive about it."

It was, as he said, ordinary thin, flowering, Italian writing, and I could express no opinion.

"Madame must see this," he said, "and give us her views. Have you told her yet, Mr. Gilbert, that Gian Celli says her husband is still alive?"

"I have not," I said. "I am so certain it is a lie, and I did not want to upset her. But we had better explain the whole matter to them now. This"—I said to Lamont, pointing to the letter—"will be some little comfort to Mrs. Lamont."

"Not much, I'm afraid," he replied, but went off at once to tell her about it.

When Ellen and Mary came in we told them also that we had heard from the kidnappers, and mentioned the sum which was demanded as ransom. We insisted however on their getting breakfast before entering into the matter more fully, and there was a good deal of hard thinking done as we sat round the table that morning, and very little talking.

Then we drew together, and I showed them first the letters received from Dr. Coffin, and told them of our interview with Gian Celli, and finally showed them the letter just received.

"Now, Ellen," I said "is that your husband's writing or is it not?"

She was deadly pale at hearing all this, and her hand shook as she took the letter and examined it carefully.

"No," she said at last, "it is not. It is very like it, and I could not tell you where it is different, but I do not believe it is his writing."

This was not very convincing from a matter-of-fact point of view, but it bore out our own views, and we accepted it, and all breathed more freely.

"We are then dealing with a gang of conspirators," said Signor Crespi—"Their action is simple brigandage, and they know the penalty—" he looked thoughtfully at me, and I hastened to interrupt his line of inference, lest the ladies should be deprived of the slight consolation they now had in the thought that the children were likely to suffer no harm.

"What do you advise as to treating with them, Signor?" I said.

He shook his head doubtfully. "I am not yet prepared to advise that," he said.

"If you decide that it is the only thing to be done I will find the money," I said.

"It would be an infamy," he said.

"Do you suppose that by pretending to accept their terms and entering into negotiations we could trap them in any way?" said Lamont.

"They are playing a risky game, and the penalty is heavy if they lose," he replied. "They are no fools, and their plans are not likely to leave any loopholes."

"And you advise—?" I asked.

"As far as I have got at present I advise waiting," he said, "but I would like to think things over carefully," and I knew he had taken the hint of my former interruptions, and preferred discussing the question when the ladies were not there.

"How the deuce did that letter come in?" asked Lamont.

Crespi shook his head. "Through the old woman, I should be inclined to say, but how it came to her is beyond me."

"Perhaps they left it with her when they took away the children," I suggested.

"That is possible," he said with a look of relief.

We mounted to the roof when our conclave broke up, and as soon as we were alone Crespi broke out, "The thought of giving in at once to a gang of scoundrels like that is detestable. But on the other hand one cannot say what they will stick at if we defy them to do their worst. Their offence is a heavy one already. To gain their ends they may not hesitate at aggravating it."

"I'd sooner fight than pay," said Lamont.

"So would I, if we could only come to grips with them," I said, "but at present they are represented by that scrap of paper."

Lamont was brooding over some idea, and presently he asked,

"How do we stand as regards the law, Signor? If we did happen to come across them it would be a very great satisfaction for me to shoot half-a-dozen of them. What would your law say to that?"

"They are outside the pale of the law so far as you are concerned, Mr. Lamont," he said, "and the law would bear you out in anything you did in attempting to recover your children."

"That is enough for me," said Lamont.

"If this Rocca-brune should be the real Rocca-bruna," continued Signor Crespi, "so far as his own children are concerned it would be a different matter. He would have a right to them. A man cannot steal his own—"

"Then Gilbert," said Lamont, with a new ring in his voice, "will you come across with me to yonder island to-night, and let us see if we can find anything out about them there?"

"Will I? Won't I? I'd give a good deal to get my fingers at Gian Celli's black throat. How do you propose getting there?"

"We will swim across to the western shore there, it is not more I should say than half a mile, and then make our way round the point and swim out to the island. We will take our revolvers, and if we come across any of the rascals, well, so much the worse for them. Think you can manage all that?"

"I'll manage it all right. My only fear is that we won't come across any of them."

"We can only try," he said. "Better say nothing to the wives. They've got quite enough to worry about already. If you have any woollen underthings get them out now, and take them to Vaurel's room, and your revolver."

The idea of taking the offensive and doing something put new life into us.

(To be Continued.)

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LAW REPORT.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

(Before Judge Gibson and a jury.)

CHARGE OF RECEIVING.
ACCUSED FOUND NOT GUILTY.

Mr. Wade, Crown Prosecutor, conducted the case for the Crown; Mr. J. W. Abigail appeared for the accused, Harry Isaac Levy. Accused was charged with having, on August 8, 1902, at Sydney, feloniously received 150 dressing cases, 403 purses, 18 tourists' cases, 104 card cases, 1246 photograph frames, 8 writing cases, 42 inkstands, 65 writing desks, 70 racks, 11 dressing bags, 54 brush sets, 83 companions, 48 cigar cases, 20 cigarette cases, 804 Pelican gold nibs, 50 letter cases, 35 chatelaine bags, 125 wallets, 14 skins, 144 knives, 240 Umpire gold pens, 96 Express gold pens, 384 Pelican pens, and 285 pieces of electro-plated ware, the property of Thomas Delarue and Company, Limited, which goods had been stolen, and he, the accused, at the time when he received the goods well knew the same to have been stolen. Accused pleaded not guilty.

The case was begun on the previous day, and further evidence for the Crown was now given.

Albert Bluhdorn gave expert evidence that the goods in court were clean and saleable stock.

Detective Fullerton said he went to accused's shop on August 13 with Mr. Kendall, and asked accused if he had had any dealings with Delarue and Co. Accused said he had, and pointed to goods exposed in the shop. He said those goods were bought from Delarue and Co. and he had the receipts. The receipts were in Price's handwriting. Levy did not know exactly the total quantity he had. He said he had seen Price last on the previous Monday (August 11). Price had then said he had to get the traveller, Mr. Barrett, away to Brisbane, and as he had to get some goods out of bond he would send some to Levy. He asked Kendall if he had sent a letter to Price authorising him to sell out certain lines, and being answered in the affirmative said Price had shown him that letter.

To Mr. Abigail: So far as he knew all that Levy had said to him was true and he had given every assistance in the case. He had not attempted to conceal any of the goods. He said he had sold some of the goods. Some he had sold at Lawson and Caro's auction room. He said that a spirit-stand valued at £5 sold at auction for 22s 6d. Witness had known accused in business and had called on him as a detective. Accused had never hesitated to give him any information he could. He was regarded as a reputable tradesman.

To Mr. Wade: Among the police generally he is reckoned a "fence," but so far as my experience is concerned I have always found him straight. Witness arrested accused on summons on August 27. Price was arrested on August 25. Price was first before the Police Court on August 26, Levy on August 29.

To Mr. Abigail: When I and Detective Ward went with a search warrant to Levy's place on August 23 Levy asked me to arrest Price on a charge of false pretences, as he had taken him down for a cheque for £54 11s. I said that as I was engaged in the case I would not do that. There was talk about a warrant. Levy could not very well take out a warrant that day (Saturday). I do not know whether the warrant for Price's arrest was issued before or after the summons against Levy, but Price was arrested before Levy could reasonably know that a summons was out against him.

John Lyons, van proprietor, said he had carted for Delarue. When he was served with a subpoena in the case Levy v. Price he said to Price, "I know nothing about this." Price said, "I wanted £50 to go away with and Levy was the only man I could get it from." Witness said, "What did you do with all the money you got for the goods from Friedman and Levy; did you not pay it into the firm's account?" Price said, "No, I put it on a horse; if it had come out all right I would have paid everything back." Witness said, "Did you tell Friedman and Levy what you did with the money?" Price said, "No; they did not know anything wrong was going on."

A. A. K. Kendall was recalled. He produced the confession written by Price.

That was the Crown case.

Mr. Abigail contended that there was no case for the jury.

The Judge: How can I take the case from the jury in the face of Price's evidence?

Mr. Abigail: The Crown Prosecutor said that he could not and would not ask the jury to convict on Price's evidence alone. He (Mr. Abigail) contended that Price's was the only evidence of value submitted, and therefore the Crown Prosecutor could not consistently ask for a conviction on it.

The Judge: Mr. Wade said he would not ask the jury to convict on Price's uncorroborated evidence. I will not express an opinion now as to the corroboration. I will not take the case from the jury.

Mr. Abigail said he would tender the accused as a witness.

Harry Levy, the accused, said he had two shops in Elizabeth-street. He had been a dealer for 16 years, and the present was his first trouble. He had not the slightest idea that the goods in court were stolen. He never had the quantity of goods set out in the indictment. He had accounted for what he had—those seized on his premises, those sold at Lawson and Caro's, and those sold in his shop, and to Mick Simmons. The first transaction was on June 23, as shown on the invoice. It was a cash transaction. In the usual course of his business he called on indent and other warehouses and left his cards. He left one at Paling's Buildings, and subsequently a message was left on the back of his card at his shop to call at Delarue's, 3 Paling's Buildings, and ask for Mr. Price. He went down, and then for the first time saw Price. He said, "Did you leave a card or message at my shop." Price said, "Oh, yes; come inside." He said he had a lot of job lines and samples he wanted to dispose of. Witness asked to see them, and Price took him to the showroom, showed him certain goods, and asked £20 for them. Witness ultimately bought them for £16 7s 6d. Before buying the goods witness said, "What position do you hold here?" Price said, "I am practically manager; my master is travelling, and I am in charge." He said he had had dealings with job buyers before, mentioned a dealer whom witness knew, and brought a ledger in which that dealer's name appeared. That satisfied witness, who then completed the transaction and got his invoice. He removed the goods on the following morning. It was usual for dealers to give open cheques unless they were well known at the house. He expected to get from £25 to £30 for that lot of goods. That was a fair price for a dealer to pay. He reckoned from the outset to make 100 per cent. on the lines, but on valuing up he found he could not reach that. The total money he paid for goods bought from Price was £147 to £150, and he valued them at £223. He had sold goods to the amount of £121, and the goods in court were valued at £113. That made a total of £234. The price realised at auction for goods was the best test of their selling value. He never once had the slightest doubt of Price's honesty, nor his authority to sell. Towards the end of their transactions Price showed him the letter from Mr. Kendall. It was not at all unusual for dealers to buy absolutely new, clean stuff as job lines. For instance he had bought a new cash register invoiced at £44 for £8. He bought job lines of crockery, which necessarily must be sound and new. He tried to buy in the cheapest market and sell in the dearest. He wanted £16 for the cash register.

Mr. Wade admitted that a dealer could sometimes get new goods at a very low price. He also admitted that on all material points where Price was in conflict with the accused the latter denied Price's statements.

To Mr. Wade: He knew the goods were Delarue's, and that Price had no right to the money for them. He made out one cheque in the name of H. Price and left it open. It was drawn in favour of H. Price through inadvertence. He never went to Delarue's unless on receipt of a telegram or personal message from Price. If he went day after day it was because of such invitations. He frequently got messages from firms asking him to call and inspect job lines.

Senior-sergeant M'Lean, Sergeant Brennan, Mr. E. J. Murphy, and Mr. Hyam Haimes gave testimony to the reputable character of the accused.

Mr. Abigail addressed the jury on behalf of the accused. In the course of his address he said it would be a monstrous thing if the jury allowed themselves to be influenced by the facts of the Friedman case. They were there to judge this man's innocence or guilt on the evidence placed before them. He knew it was not possible for them to forget the Friedman case, but he did ask them to be honest and impartial and not allow that case to influence them. They were neither politicians nor political adventurers, and had no interest in the public turmoil of the Friedman case, and he asked them to, as far as possible, forget it.

The Crown Prosecutor did not reply.

The Judge said the case had taken an unnecessarily long time, and he would be but a few minutes, because the question before the jury was really a short one. The case relied on by the Crown was the evidence given by Price, who came into court with a tainted character. By itself the jury must regard it most cautiously, but they would look at what corroboration there was. They would probably ask themselves what they would think if a person offered them such goods day after day at such prices as those named by the Crown witness. There was the way in which the goods were sold and removed; was that corroborative of Price? Price said accused told him he was a bookmaker, and there was the fact that Price was on the racecourse betting and gambling, and the further fact that on the very day that Kendall left for New Zealand, or the day after, accused went down, according to Price, to Paling's-buildings and made an offer to buy goods. The question of the salary paid to Price was nothing to do with the case. It seemed low, but it might have been fair, as Price was learning the business. The causes that led to Price being left temporarily in charge of the business were explained and easy to understand. One manager had died, and another was to come and take his place, and in the meantime Kendall had confidence in the youth. Kendall said he left stock worth £2423. Price estimated it at £2500. When Kendall returned he found stock worth £800, and Price had gone. The goods in Court were found at Levy's shop displayed and on shelves. He said he had bought them from Price, and showed De la Rue's receipts. Some he said he had sold, and altogether he calculated the value to him of his purchases at £200 odd. Price estimated the value at £560, exclusive of one or two lots. He got £110 for the lot. There were 10 cheques before the Court, all uncrossed. Only one was made in favour of "H. Price," the rest in favour of "De la Rue and Company." Taking the goods as shown, and the manner in which they were paid for, did that satisfy the jury that it was a bona-fide transaction? That was quite a matter for the jury. It was said that if Levy was guilty so also was the person to whom he sold certain of the articles at a price much below their value. But the cases were not analogous. If the person had bought such goods day after day from the same man at the same low prices he might be said to have known that something about it was wrong. Price said he begged accused not to sell any of the goods in Sydney. Levy said Price went down to his shop several times. If he did so and the goods were exposed would the jury not expect him to make some protest about it? There was nothing to show he had done so. There were the goods before the jury. Some of the jury might be judges of their value, some might not. With regard to the receipts it had been asked why were they not on blank paper. There was the fire at the building. If it had burnt the place out then when Kendall returned accused would have had the receipts to show. He (the Judge) did not say that would be so, but he wanted the jury to consider all aspects of the matter. There was the fact of accused getting the telegram from Price to "come down, have goods to sell, bring cheque-book." That was the day after he had been at the showroom and bought goods. It was for the jury to say whether they thought accused went down that day expecting a bona fide transaction. There was another telegram. Would the accused in those telegraphic messages think the whole transaction was an innocent one, and that he was merely buying job lots of goods in the ordinary way, or, knowing that Price's master was away, did he know that he was buying as much as he could while he could get the advantage of the master's absence? That was a question for the jury to answer. Price said that accused told him that if he got into trouble he would stand by him. Accused denied that. The jury would consider the telegram sent to Levy from Brisbane after Price's arrest informing him of the arrest, and asking him to recommend someone for bail, and decide whether that was a fact corroborative of Price's statement. If the jury found a reasonable doubt on the whole case as placed before them they must give the accused the benefit of it. The prosecution or not of Price had nothing to do with the jury. If they as good citizens, however, thought he should be prosecuted they could take other steps.

The jury retired at 5.45 p.m. At 8.15 p.m. they returned and asked the Judge if they could add a rider to their verdict.

The Judge said they could not. Their duty was to find a verdict of guilty or not guilty. A jury could, in the case of a verdict of guilty, add a recommendation to mercy, and it was then for the Court to act on that recommendation or not, as it thought fit. But a jury in a criminal case could not add riders about different things as coroners' juries did. Their verdict must be the simple one of guilty or not guilty.

The jury returned at 8.45 p.m. with a verdict of not guilty.

There was a cry of approval from the back of the court, and the Judge ordered silence.

The foreman said it was the unanimous wish of the jury to say that they considered the conduct of the accused to be highly suspicious and unsatisfactory.

The Judge: It would have been much better, as you found a verdict of not guilty, if you had not said so.

The accused was liberated.

APPEALS FROM DECISIONS.

(Before Judge Rogers.)

CONVICTION FOR ASSAULT REVERSED.

Alfred Mitchell, J.P., auctioneer and estate agent, who, on October 22, was convicted at the Redfern Police Court on a charge of assaulting by kissing Ada Mary Schwaeble and fined £2, with costs, appealed against the conviction. The appeal was heard on Monday, December 22. Mr. James, instructed by Mr. C. Bull, appeared for the appellant; Mr. Hamilton for the respondent. Fresh evidence was tendered proving that appellant could not have committed the assault.

The Court quashed the conviction of the Redfern Court, holding that Mr. Mitchell's innocence of the charge was clearly established. Appellant did not ask for costs.

LAW NOTICES.

DISTRICT COURT.—Wednesday, December 24.

Appeals against magistrates' decisions.—The following appeals against magistrates' decisions will be heard before his Honor Judge Rogers in the District Court on Wednesday, the 24th instant, at 10.30 a.m.: Frank Stafford, maintenance; Dawson Fletcher, maintenance; Isaac Clay, assault; John Mowatt, assault.

POLICE COURTS.

Assault.—At the Glebe Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Donaldson, S.M., William James Cameron, aged 20, was charged with having assaulted Edward Sheehan at Annandale on December 12. The accused pleaded not guilty. For the prosecution evidence was given that Sheehan, who is 14 years of age, was returning home from work on the evening of the day in question. Proceeding along Johnston-street, Annandale, he had occasion to pass Cameron's residence. As he did so Mrs. Cameron was engaged in conversation with two other boys about stone-throwing and climbing on the fences of her house. The accused rushed out and struck Sheehan, dislocating his jaw and compelling him to seek medical aid. The defence was a denial of the accusations and a statement that Sheehan was running and fell against a fence. The magistrate found the charge proven and ordered the accused to pay a fine of £5, in default imprisonment for one month.

The Recent Boxing Contest.—George Johns, 27, waterman, on remand, answered to his bail at the Central Police Court yesterday before Mr. F. S. Isaacs, S.M., on a charge of inflicting grievous bodily harm upon Thomas Mitchell at Sydney on the 15th instant. Mr. Cargill, of the Crown Law Department, who appeared for the prosecution, stated that as the injured man had recovered he did not think there was necessity for any further action, and therefore withdrew the charge. Mr. Cargill also withdrew the charge against eight other accused of being concerned with George Johns in inflicting grievous bodily harm upon Thomas Mitchell. The whole of the accused were thereupon discharged.

Charge of Stealing.—William Lloyd, 21, carter, and James Leonard, 18, carter, were charged at the Central Police Court yesterday, before Mr. F. S. Isaacs, S.M., with in company stealing three bushels of corn and one bushel of bran, value £1, the property of Bridget Lyons, on the 20th instant. Each of the accused was fined £3, in default one month's imprisonment.

Assaulting a Chinese.—Michael Keating, 22, carter, was charged at the Central Police Court yesterday, before Mr. F. S. Isaacs, S.M., with unlawfully assaulting Jing Ah Ying. The accused was fined £3, with 10s interpreter's fees added, in default one month's imprisonment.

Attempting to Steal.—James King, 35, labourer, and John Manning, 26, dealer, were charged at the Central Court yesterday, before Mr. F. S. Isaacs, S.M., with in company attempting to steal about 2s, a purse, and cheque for £14 8s 9d from Henry Hayward Godwin, his property, on the 21st instant. The accused King was sentenced to six months' and Manning to three months' imprisonment.

Committed for Trial.—Henry Francis Oliver (41), clerk, was charged on remand, at the Water Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Payten, S.M., with being the bailee of a number of gold and silver watches and articles of jewellery, to the total value of £100, belonging to Henry Roland Ward, and fraudulently converting the same to his own use with intent to defraud. He was committed for trial at the next sittings of the Quarter Sessions.

TEACHERS' ASSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

The thirty-fourth annual meeting of the New South Wales Teachers' Mutual Assurance Association was held yesterday at the Girls' High School, Castlereagh-street, when there was a fair attendance of members. Mr. J. W. Allpass presided. The report showed that the society was in a sound condition. There had been three deaths, and eight new members had been added to the roll, making the membership 319. In the last five years there had been 13 deaths, which was at the rate of 2·6 per annum, or 8·1 per 1000, which was much lower than the rate of any assurance office in Australia. Consequently, it was to the advantage of teachers to join the society. The balance-sheet showed the assets of the society at £403 2s 8d, made up of the following credits:—Management account, £19 19s 9d; assurance account, £81 19s; and reserve fund, £301 3s 11d. During the discussion following the motion for the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, it was stated by Mr. Rooney that it seemed hardly fair to induce young men to join this society when they might better invest their money by insuring in some of the larger institutions, as in this case there was no surrender value to their policies and no bonuses. Mr. D. Ritchie and other members contended that the Teachers' Mutual Assurance Association offered greater advantages than any other institution, as the percentage of cost was lower for the insurer, and he had a better contract with the society. Moreover, the average death-rate during the 34 years of the society's existence had been but 3·3 per annum upon the membership, or 10·7 per 1000. It was also contended that if a man at the age of 21 years joined the society and his policy were payable when he attained the age of 65, he would save in premiums something like £55 more than if he had joined any other institution. The report and balance-sheet were adopted, and the committee, which consists of the following gentlemen, was re-elected:—Messrs. J. W. Allpass, D. Alderton, W. Black, J. J. Conway, J. P. Humphries, P. O'Reilly, and D. Ritchie.

HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL.

The monthly meeting of the board of management of the Sydney Homœopathic Hospital was held on the 18th instant, Mr. Justice Pring president, being in the chair. The hon. medical superintendent reported that during the month 158 visits by outpatients had been made, and 55 new patients had attended during that period, five in-patients had been received at the hospital during the month, eight had been discharged, one had died, and three still remain for treatment. Mr. Edward Mayer, who had been appointed collector for subscriptions, it was reported, had now entered upon his duties. It was resolved to take over forthwith the adjoining premises, lately sublet on a short tenancy, and to conduct the catering of the hospital under the supervision of the board, and the hon. medical superintendent was authorised to purchase the necessary furniture, &c., and engage the assistance required for giving effect to this resolution. The rules for the internal management of the hospital, of which due notice had been given, were submitted to the meeting, and adopted with various amendments, and it was resolved that the bylaws and rules be printed and circulated among the present and future subscribers. A sub-committee to prepare the annual report was appointed.

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THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS' CADETS.

CONCLUSION OF ANNUAL RIFLE MEETING.

ORANGE WINS THE BUGLE.

The annual rifle meeting of the Public Schools' Cadet Force was brought to a termination yesterday afternoon at the Randwick rifle range. The meeting was well conducted throughout, and was generally regarded as one of the most successful gatherings yet held. The discipline and behaviour of the 800 cadets competing were all that could be wished for. The matches, despite the heavy entries, were got through to time, and no accidents of any kind resulted. The shooting was of good quality, and in several instances excellent, as the scores denote. Weather conditions were again favourable yesterday. There was a nice clear light and a steady nor'-easter blowing, factors which occasioned the young competitors little trouble in finding the bull's-eye. All the shooting was done through the V, and another innovation worth mentioning was that "sighting" or practice shots were not allowed.

The chief match decided yesterday was the Challenge Bugle, a volley-firing contest, open to teams of six cadets and an officer. The winning school was Orange, with Chatswood second. About 25 teams entered. The Cortese Cup, seven shots kneeling at 200 yards, rapid fire, was won by Cadet Albert Wright, Bombala, after shooting off with two other lads who tied with him in the first essay. There were about 300 competitors in this match. Captain Dove's win in the Cadet Officer's Match was a popular one. He made 45 out of the 50 without sighters.

Results:—

Company Challenge Bugle.—Teams of six cadets under command of officer or non-commissioned officer of their school corps. Teams will fire two volleys kneeling at 300, 270 (about), 240 (about), and 200 yards. Advances to be made in extended order (four paces intervals) in quick time. Prizes: Challenge bugle to corps to which winning team belongs. Trophy to each member of the winning team. Special medal or trophy to commander. Trophies to second and third placed teams.

School.	Points for Hits.	Points for Discipline.	Total.
Orange	111	27	138
Chatswood	94	32	126
Goulburn South	91	30	121

Next in order of merit were:—Peakhurst, 112; Tamworth, 108; Waterloo, 100; Liverpool, 98; Mudgee, 92; Drummoyne, 89; Auburn North, 83; Albury, 78; Singleton, 74; Smith-street, Balmain, 73; Milltown, 65; Stanmore, 64.

Cortese Cup.—Seven shots in 70 seconds at 200 yards, kneeling. Prize: Medal or trophy and possession of silver cup, presented by P. Cortese, Esq., until December 1, 1903. The winner to retain the cup as his own property in the event of his score not being beaten in next year's competition. Highest possible 28 points.

Cadet Albert Wright, Bombala	20
Cadet L. Bigby, Bathurst	19
Colour-Sergeant G. Cunningham, Bathurst	17

The above tied originally for first place with 22 points each, and shot-off with above result.

Cadet Officers.—Ten shots at 500 yards; three trophies. No sighters allowed. Highest possible 50 points.

Captain F. A. Dove, D.S.O. (Staff)	45
Mr. J. A. Martin, Paddington	42
Captain M. Jacobs, Drummoyne	41

There were 35 competitors, and other leading scores were:—Captain J. O. Miller, Bathurst, 41; Captain C. Walker, Ashfield, 40; Captain R. S. Pearce, Tempe, 38; and Captain Page, Auburn North, 38.

Band Boys' Match, five shots, 25 paces, with Winchester model rifle. Highest possible, 20 points.

Band Boy Youdale	17
Band Boy Whitehead	17
Band Boy Blyth	17

Highest Individual Scorers in each Challenge Shield team. Prizes, gold-centred silver medal and musketry badge to each cadet.

Albury—Corporal G. Johnson, 56; Arncliffe—Cadet William Pike, 44; Armidale—Cadet W. Hunt, 62; Ashfield—Cadet Bert Walkom, 48; Auburn North—Cadet R. Finley, 62; Bombala—Colour-sergeant M. Dawson, 58; Burwood—Corporal W. Fisher, 51; Bathurst—Colour-sergeant G. Cunningham, 66; Croydon Park—Cadet E. Barrett, 38; Chatswood—Colour-sergeant L. Lee, 57; Drummoyne—Cadet S. Thornthwaite, 47; Dubbo—Colour-sergeant A. Garnsey, 58; Darlinghurst—Cadet R. Daniel, 36; Goulburn South—Cadet A. Turner, 60; Grafton—Cadet E. Cox, 53; Granville North — Sergeant R. Macguire, 35; Goulburn — Cadet W. Fewings, 47; Glen Innes—Corporal C. Eaton, 60; Hurstville—Cadet H. Haydon, 54; Kogarah—Cadet F. Porter, 52; Kelso—Sergeant E. Cousins, 55; Kiama—Colour-sergeant C. Price, 57; Liverpool—Sergeant H. Leach, 60; Lismore—Cadet H. G. Boon, 49; Lithgow—Sergeant G. Thomas, 57; Marrickville West—Corporal W. Hampton, 42; Marrickville—Lance-corporal E. Smith, 38; Mudgee—Sergeant S. Blauer, 58; Millthorpe—Cadet R. Dawson, 53; Milltown—Cadet G. Cain, 60; Newtown—Sergeant C. Hume, 48; Orange—Colour-sergeant O. Gardiner, 61; Paddington—Cadet S. Taylor, 49; Petersham—Sergeant E. Bridekirk, 53; Peakhurst—Colour-sergeant M. Hannon, 65; Penrith—Sergeant S. Colless, 53; Parramatta South—Bugler R. Dickens, 48; Randwick—Sergeant V. Cooper, 61; Rockdale—Sergeant L. Kerr, 35; Stanmore—Cadet J. Legge, 45; Surry Hills South—Cadet H. Radford, 55; Smith-street, Balmain—Cadet S. Noble, 50; Singleton—Sergeant R. Fawcett, 59; Tamworth West—Cadet G. M'Leod, 56; Tamworth—Cadet C. Russell, 59; Temora—Cadet R. Sedgwick, 53; William-street—Cadet H. Kaupmann, 49; Waterloo—Cadet G. Symons, 55; Wellington—Cadet R. Porter, 62.

Champion Grand Aggregate.—A gold medal and double-crown musketry badge will be awarded to the cadet making the highest score in matches Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4. Ten other prizes. Highest possible, 156 points.

Sergeant Vivian Cooper, Randwick	132
Cadet R. Porter, Wellington	129
Cadet R. Willock, Wellington	127
Cadet A. Ferguson, Wellington	127
Colour-sergeant O. Gardiner, Orange	126
Cadet J. Barton, Wellington	126
Colour-sergeant G. Cunningham, Bathurst	124
Colour-sergeant M. Hannon, Peakhurst	123
Cadet J. Campbell, Bathurst	122
Cadet A. M'Donald, Randwick	118
Colour-sergeant L. Lee, Chatswood	118
Cadet E. Turner, Goulburn South	118
Cadet W. Waddell, Orange	118

Lumsden Silver Cup.—Will be awarded to the highest aggregate scorer in matches Nos. 2, 3, and 4.

Colour-sergeant M. Hannon, Peakhurst	68
Cadet R. Willock, Wellington	67
Cadet R. Porter, Wellington	67

Sergeant V. Cooper was first with 71, but was not eligible for two first prizes.

Consolation. Open to cadets who have not won a prize during the meeting. Seven shots with miniature rifles. Five prizes. Highest possible, 28 points.

*Cadet T. Turney, Milltown	28
*Sergeant A. Schwinghammer, Grafton	28
Sergeant A. Clifford, Bombala	27
Cadet H. Figg, Marrickville	27
Cadet J. Fleming, Smith-street	27
Cadet W. Lowe, Grafton	26
Cadet A. Hayter, Tamworth W.	26
Cadet V. Craig, Liverpool	26
Cadet C. Parkin, Randwick	26

* Tie. About 200 entrants took part. A number of 26's counted out.

The prizes are to be presented to-night at the Girls' High School, Castlereagh-street.

SHOPS AT CHRISTMASTIDE.

A.B.C.

The first letters of the alphabet must be attractive after all, although many a youngster has failed to appreciate them. They are certainly attractive in Pitt-street, for the two big establishments between King and Market streets are daily crowded. And it is no wonder, because both buildings are stocked with all the modern delicacies and dainties of the season that customers and visitors may require. As caterers the A.B.C. Company are especially well known; at holiday time in that line of business they excel.

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J. SPENCER NOLAN.

Dentistry and Christmas festivities are more nearly allied than upon the first sight such a relationship would strike an observer, for the many good things—extra good things—of the Christmas season sometimes cause trouble; and Mr. J. Spencer Nolan, of No. 43A Oxford-street, surgeon-dentist, has made preparations for such contingencies. His comfortable rooms are inviting enough to make even a patient satisfied.

MR. WILLIAM WILD.

Mr. William Wild, who has been established at 54 Park-street for over 30 years, has this year made ample provision for cooking the usual Christmas viands. His premises are fully stocked with the necessary appliances that help to make the cook's life an easy one. His electro, silver plate, and gilding are complete in all departments, whilst the supplying of light through every description of lamps, sunlights, and reflectors has been made a special study.

CRONULLA TRAMWAY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Your correspondent does not correctly state the case. When this tramway was first brought under the Minister's notice the main road was the route advocated as being the most central, and the cheapest. It bisects the district exactly, and would suit all parties. For holiday-makers the road would be best, as magnificent sea views can be obtained all along. It is only quite recently that the back road has been spoken of, and attempts have been made to show that the back road is the best. Geometrically it is a little straighter, but topographically it is a long way round. At present the road is impassable for vehicles: it would be a costly job to put it right. But the main road is a good one, and would pick up the local traffic. The local traffic is not to be despised. It keeps several lines of coaches running now, and with a better service would rapidly expand.

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AUSTRALIAN PRODUCE.

ARRIVALS IN 1901 AND 1902.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, Nov. 21.

The following are the statistics of arrivals in Great Britain for the first 10 months of the year:—

	1902.	1901.
Fresh beef	50,750 cwt.	172,776 cwt.
Fresh mutton	263,920 cwt.	472,041 cwt.
Rabbits	181,117 cwt.	128,178 cwt.
Butter	79,318 cwt.	177,559 cwt.
Cheese	1 cwt.	149 cwt.
Wheat	4,168,941 cwt.	4,783,400 cwt.
Wine	811,761 gal.	566,435 gal.
Tallow	435,343 cwt.	567,519 cwt.
Leather	88,373 cwt.	106,448 cwt.
Hides, wet	22,420 cwt.	9,089 cwt.

These figures are from the Board of Trade returns, and show the position of Australia as an exporter to this country, but, owing to the defective way in which the book is prepared, it is impossible to present the complete figures. Wood blocks, for instance, arriving from Western Australia are placed in "other countries," as are also preserved meats and fruits. The three items in the table above showing advances for this year are rabbits, wine, and hides. The last-named article increases, presumably, for drought reasons; but it is very satisfactory to regard the position and prospects of the other two in the United Kingdom.

AUSTRALIAN COMMERCIAL REPRESENTATION IN LONDON.

All the Australian States but one are now represented in the city, in addition to the headquarters of the Agents-General in Victoria-street, Westminster. The representative of New South Wales (Mr. Lance) has a good coign of vantage in his apartment at 49 Eastcheap. Considerable enterprise has lately been shown by the commercial department of the Board of Trade, by which the Eastcheap building is rented.

Queensland has a representative in the same building, but the operations of this State in the city are so far of a minor and tentative character, partaking simply of the nature of answering inquiries of callers.

Mr. J. M. Sinclair has now been in London for six or seven years, looking after the Leadenhall office where Victorian produce has been shown. His appointment represents the only determined and continued effort of an Australian colony to retain a hold upon its agricultural and pastoral exports when they have arrived at their destination. He has been well supported by the Ministers of Agriculture in Victoria, to whom, and not to the Agents-General, he has been responsible—as is also the case with Mr. Young, of South Australia, in his dealings with his State. Mr. Sinclair's functions have been, in the main, those of an inspector of produce. He goes to the vessel on arrival at the docks to see the goods, and report upon defects of packing or damage in carriage, and, in the second place, he has constituted himself a commercial traveller and visited the leading cities in Great Britain, where he has called upon traders and institutions with the object of introducing the wares of his State. He leaves for Australia next March.

The reduction in Victoria's agricultural exports to this country is much felt in many circles here. She usually sells something like a million and a half pounds worth of goods in this market, but 1902 will show a sad falling-off. The mail steamers are arriving without butter, and without meat.

Mr. Burney Young, of the South Australian Bonded Depot, has his office in Laurence-Pountney Hill, off Cannon-street. He almost entirely concerns himself with wines, but he has dealt with frozen lambs, fruit, and other exports in small quantity. The wine stores are at the St. Katherine's docks.

New Zealand has no city representation, but has a member of the Agent-General's staff devoting himself to inspecting butter and meat and generally watching the course of the market in which the exports from that colony are dealt with. One of his most unpleasant duties is to prosecute butchers who sell inferior imported meat as New Zealand.

DAIRY PRODUCE, &c.

The small quantity of butter from New Zealand that came in the Whakatane, 342 cases, arrived in excellent condition, being mainly consigned to Lovell and Christmas; such part as was put on the market established an opening price for colonial butter for 1902 of 112s to 116s per cwt. Danish was quoted at 116s to 118s at the same time, both butters of choicest quality, and Canadian 100s to 104s. Best quality Canadian butter is quoted 104s c.i.f. London. The falling off in Australian butter is a source of the deepest regret to the trade here, which has been year by year looking to your country to supply the leading winter butter. Ordinarily, demand leads to expansion, and the British butter dealers thought that by this time Australia would be sending in a really considerable quantity of butter.

Sir John Cockburn, ex-South Australian Agent-General, lectured at the Farmers' Club on "Australian Agriculture" last week. One of our most expert critics in noticing the lecture takes three points. Sir John said that about 3 to 4 pecks of seed wheat per acre was the allowance. The critic suggests that a larger quantity might give larger results. Here we sow 6 to 10 pecks. The lecturer said the soil of Australia was "extremely fertile." The statement is questioned on the ground of average harvest returns. The critic admires the principle of preference given by railways to the home producer, and wishes that it could be adopted here, where the "producer is regarded as a person of no account."

Turning to the item rabbits in the table at head of this letter, which includes hares, an article that comes entirely from your State, it is extremely satisfactory to note the change for the better that has come over this export from Australia. The frozen rabbit up to 1901 was one of the most troublesome and expensive lines of refrigerated goods to handle, owing to faulty condition, caused by, the people on this side maintain, want of care in selection. Any way, greater care has been exercised during this season, with the result that no complaints have been made of the quality or condition of the rabbits when unpacked and put on the market. No accumulation, as in past years, has taken place, and the trade is on a thoroughly sound footing. Hares have always been an unsatisfactory department; a lot have been in cold store for upwards of a year; on these there is a heavy store charge, and they will have to be peddled out in small lots, according as opportunity occurs. Freshly arrived hares from New South Wales are quoted at 1s 9d: an average price for hares is 1s 6d. I have often tried to get at the reason why frozen hares do not do as well as frozen rabbits; I have eaten them myself, and invariably found them hard. Game dealers don't fancy frozen hares at all, because they can't hang them in front of their windows, on account of the carcases bleeding so freely when thawing, freezing bursting the blood vessels. This is a great disadvantage, as a dealer buys stock that he can make a show of. Rabbits, which are eviscerated before being frozen, are not subject to this disadvantage.

No poultry is expected from Australia this Christmas, which is rather a pity, as home-grown turkeys, owing to the wet season in June, are likely to be scarce. Though the trade in colonial poultry has never assumed large proportions, we have had some frozen turkeys at Christmas time for many years past. On the whole, regarding the trade in frozen poultry from Australia from its inception, it cannot be said that it has been successful, as exporters have probably found from their account sales. These goods of late years have been put in the shade by cheap turkeys, &c., from the Continent and Canada, which come in increasing quantities, and are sold very cheaply.

The fact that England has experienced a very poor apple crop may favourably affect prospects next year for Australian apples; indirectly, that is, for your apple is a far finer fruit than the average apple grown in Dorset, Devon, or Herefordshire. Lately I have heard in produce circles many inquiries for the Australian orange. From June to November we can't get anything in the shape of a sweet orange here, and that is a great deprivation to the public, a large section of which consumes oranges as part of its daily dietary. If sound Australian oranges were placed on our market from September to November the exporters should be able to count on a net return of 1d to 2d per orange.

THE HIGHLAND GATHERING AND CONCERT.

Much interest is being manifested by the Scottish community of Sydney in the annual Highland Gathering, which will be held on the Sydney Cricket Ground on New Year's Day. The programme is generally acknowledged by sportsmen to be an excellent one. For the 60 events on the bill upwards of £360 will be distributed. The programme includes, in addition to the usual Scottish items, naval, military, cycling, athletic, and many miscellaneous events. Invitations have been issued by the president (Colonel James Burns) and council of the society to a large number of gentlemen, and among those who have accepted are his Excellency the State Governor Sir Harry H. Rawson, his Excellency Sir Lewis Beaumont, Brigadier-General Finn, and the Lord Mayor of Sydney (Alderman Hughes).

In the evening the usual Scottish concert will be held in the Town Hall. The programme is large and varied and caters for all tastes. Madame Slapoffski, the celebrated soprano, is underlined in both parts of the bill. The names of lady and gentleman artists of high local repute also appear. The Scottish choir has been busy in rehearsal for some time past, and will be under the baton of Mr. N. J. Gehde. The city organist (Mr. Arthur Mason) will play Scottish selections on the great organ.

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COUNTRY NEWS.

WATER RATES CASE.

FORBES, Tuesday.

Mr. Sharpe, P.M., delivered reserved judgment in the case of the municipal council versus John Robinson, solicitor, to-day. Defendant was charged with having used water other than for domestic purposes, not having any other supply. Defendant raised points, one being that the council had not power to levy rates other than for domestic use, and that watering a garden came under domestic use; and also that the Act was committed by a groom, and, therefore, not liable. The bench was of opinion that the council had power to levy a rate, but that such a condition only applied to water for domestic purposes. The magistrate was of opinion that defendant was liable, and was the proper person to be charged. A fine of 2s 6d was imposed, with costs.

CASUALTIES AND FATALITIES.

BROKEN HILL, Tuesday.

William Dart, who was working at the 400ft. level of Block 13 Proprietary, was admitted to the hospital last night suffering from severe injuries to his back. A bar of the boring machine, which fell away, caused the accident.

SHOOTING ACCIDENT.

MOLONG, Tuesday.

While out rabbit shooting with a pea rifle yesterday Thomas Staines, aged 18, tripped over a stone. The rifle was discharged, the bullet passing clean through his left foot.

DEATH FROM BURNS.

DANGER OF FLANNELETTE.

GOULBURN, Tuesday.

An inquiry was held yesterday at Mummel touching the death of Bertie Saville, aged 3, through his flannelette nightdress catching fire. The Coroner (Mr. Harold O'Brien) added to his finding that death resulted from shock caused by burns a rider to the effect that, considering the number of deaths from burning that had occurred in the past from the use of flannelette for children's clothing, he thought it time steps should be taken to prohibit its use for such a purpose.

AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL.

ALBURY, Tuesday.

The pastures have made perceptible growth since the late rains.

CANOWINDRA, Tuesday.

J. Carter, of Mogong, recently leased 1200 acres of grass for three months at £600. It is anticipated the corn crops will yield between 75 and 100 bushels an acre. This is the first suitable year for corn-growing for 10 years.

LISMORE, Tuesday.

A number of landowners state that the land tax notices being received all show a large increase in values of farms. While some advances are justifiable others are said to be not so.

THE CHURCHES.

BLAYNEY, Tuesday.

The Bishop of Bathurst on Sunday morning last admitted a reader in Christ Church, Blayney, by the form of service customary in the diocese. The Rev. L. Howell (rector and rural dean) took part in the service. In the evening the bishop preached to a very large congregation in the same church in connection with a very flourishing branch of the mothers' union established in the parish.

ORANGE, Tuesday.

At a special meeting of the members of the committee of the Australian Church at Lucknow on Friday night a vote of confidence in the Rev. M. Walker was carried unanimously, and the resolution was endorsed by the congregation on Sunday.

ALBURY, Tuesday.

A meeting of the new committee of the Albury Racing Club has elected the following office-bearers: Patron, Mr. George Day; president, Mr. M. Darcy; vice-president, Mr. John M'Donald; judge, Mr. J. Campbell; treasurer, Mr. J. Roxburgh; hon. secretary, Mr. F. Tietyens.

BROKEN HILL, Tuesday.

Two shearers (John Francis Fitzgerald and George Taylor), who were sentenced at the last Circuit Court to nine months' imprisonment for falsely imprisoning free labourers at Corunna, and for whose release the jury unanimously petitioned, were liberated from the Broken Hill Gaol this afternoon on license under the Crimes Act. The terms of their release were that they found two sureties of £200 each for their good behaviour until September 30, 1903, and report themselves once a month at a police station in the Broken Hill district.

EXETER, Tuesday.

The opening of the School of Arts took place on Friday evening. The president, Mr. F. N. Yarwood, opened the proceedings, and read apologies for absence from the Minister of Public Instruction, as well as Mr. M'Court, the member for the district. He explained the difficulties that had taken place in securing the necessary land, and also made a statement with regard to the position of the finances which was very satisfactory.

Mr. Slatyer (of Messrs. Slatyer and Cosh, architects, Sydney) was called upon, and explained that the construction of the building was such that it could be added to as required, and a view of the completed building had been presented by his firm to grace the walls of the institution.

A concert then followed at which the following singers contributed:—Misses O'Neill, Cookson, Buckland, Carlotta Young (Windsor), Cunningham, Messrs. A. W. Nathan (Sydney), E. Toussard (Sydney), Ivan Jones, L. L. Riemenschneider (Sydney), W. Cunningham, C. Letchford (Sydney), with Mr. Cecil Crompton (Bowral) as accompanist.

GOULBURN, Monday.

The Ladies Benevolent Society to-day received applications for Christmas dinners for 156 adults and 310 children.

Mr. W. Hanley has been appointed secretary to the bicycle club, vice Mr. Judd, resigned, owing to departure from the district.

HILLGROVE, Tuesday.

A case of ptomaine poisoning occurred on Sunday. Low Ah Kee, Chinese storekeeper, of the firm of Yat War and Co., his wife, and brother became ill after eating tinned fish. Dr. Hardcastle attended them, and all are out of danger.

LISMORE, Tuesday.

An additional sum of £500 having been promised to the hospital as a special grant for building purposes, the committee last night accepted the tender of Mr. Harris for £4430 14s for the work.

News has been received that the Postmaster-General will visit Lismore on the 31st instant.

MOLONG, Tuesday.

Saturday, the 27th instant, has been proclaimed a public holiday in the district of Molong.

Mr. H. G. Wiltson, a licensed reader, has been successful in passing the annual examination of the Australian College for theology.

ORANGE, Tuesday.

The rains last week completely ruined all the best cherries in the district. The loss will run into thousands of cases. One grower alone has lost 1500 cases.

PICTON, Tuesday.

With reference to the difficulty in connection with the mode of payment of the water rate on the local post office, the council has received a letter from the Acting D.P.M.G. stating the department's willingness to sign the council's usual agreement relative thereto if the clause providing that payments be made in advance be struck out. The council agreed to the request.

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE STATE.

INCREASE SINCE SIR W. J. LYNE TOOK OFFICE.

THE TREASURER REPLIES TO HIS CRITICS.

In the course of the debate on the Loan Bill in the Legislative Assembly last Wednesday evening the financial operations of the Government came in for a great deal of caustic criticism at the hands of the Opposition. Mr. Ashton especially took a prominent part in the debate. Mr. Waddell did not reply to the charges at the time, as he felt he had answered them fully in previous speeches made in reply to similar statements. Since then, however, Mr. Ashton's statements have been reiterated in certain quarters, and the Treasurer deems it only fair that he should have an opportunity of stating the case from his point of view. Hence, in the course of an interview yesterday with a "Sydney Morning Herald" representative Mr. Waddell remarked:—

"Mr. Ashton last Wednesday made a number of statements as to the increased indebtedness of the State since Sir William Lyne took office. These were so obviously misleading and incorrect that I had not intended to further allude to them, but for certain press references made on the matter. Without going into the whole of the statements made by the honourable gentleman I will take one as a specimen of his peculiar method of dealing with figures to the disadvantage of the present Ministry. Mr. Ashton among other statements said: 'I am not going to take the net proceeds of loans. I am going to take the gross proceeds as representing the amount to the repayment of which the State is committed.'

"The misleading nature of this statement must be at once apparent when it is remembered that new loans floated, and used to pay off old loans, do not increase the public debt, and further, that when floated at a lower rate of interest, as has been the case, they actually reduce the interest payments in future.

"For instance, in the year 1924, New South Wales stock to the amount of over £16,000,000 will mature. Now, should Mr. Ashton be in office at that time, and raise a loan of £16,000,000 to pay off or redeem the stock on maturity, would he then consider that he had increased the public debt to that extent? I should think not. Does any business man, who takes up a promissory note on maturity consider he has increased his liability on that date, when the holder accepts another in renewal? Such a proposition is too absurd for consideration, yet that is what Mr. Ashton means when he says he will 'take gross proceeds' only.

"Now, Mr. Ashton, in following the peculiar lines laid down by himself, first, to use his own words, takes 'gross' borrowings, irrespective of debt redemptions, as £12,818,000. To this he adds as overdraft (presumably on general loan account) to the amount of £3,100,000; then he adds all outstanding claims on account of 'redemptions' (no doubt intended for resumptions), viz., £2,000,000, and so brings his total up to £17,918,000 as the increase of the State indebtedness by the Lyne-See Government.

"Now, to make an accurate statement of the increased indebtedness the following figures should be taken, viz.:—

Stock sold, excluding deficiency bills, from September 15, 1899, to November 30, 1902		£12,818,440
Add overdraft on the general loan account on November 30, 1902		3,605,862
Making		£16,424,302
Deduct Debentures and bills paid off or renewed from September 15, 1899, to November 30, 1902—		
Debentures	£1,631,900	
Treasury Bills (Public Works)	1,000,000	
		2,631,900
		£13,792,402
Also deduct Overdraft on general loan account when Sir William Lyne took office on September 15, 1899		1,656,244
The increased indebtedness to November 30, 1902, for loan services is therefore as stated by me		£12,136,158

"But Mr. Ashton will say, 'You have not taken into consideration the £2,000,000 to be paid for resumptions.' My reply to this is that in giving the public debt of the colony at any given date, outstanding claims or obligations of this kind have never been included.

"As to the figures given in reply to Mr. Affleck, the question was so peculiarly worded that no other reply could have been given. His question embraced the overdraft on the consolidated revenue account. Now, it is well known that the balance at the debit or credit, as the case may be, on this account is of a fluctuating character, and that although the account may be largely overdrawn during the early part of the year, it may be in credit before the close. As an instance, the overdraft on the consolidated revenue account on November 30 last was much smaller than at the end of the previous month, and I expect that the overdraft on that account will be further considerably reduced at the end of this month."

PARRAMATTA DISTRICT.

STRANGE DEATH AT NEWINGTON ASYLUM.

The adjourned inquest concerning the circumstances connected with the death of an old woman named Mary Hogan, an inmate of the Newington Asylum, was resumed yesterday afternoon, the Parramatta Coroner (Mr. T. E. MacNevin), presiding. Mr. Hamlet, Government Analyst, gave evidence that the stomach showed signs of having been irritated by oxalic acid, an irritant poison, but he could not say that there were any signs of oxalic acid in the stomach. It was easy to make a mistake between oxalic acid and Epsom salts, if kept in similar bottles. The contents of a pannikin submitted contained 246 grains of oxalic acid, being equal to two fatal doses for an adult.

Nurse Lynch said she could not account for the presence of oxalic acid in the cupboard. She had never used it during the 16 months she had been there. She had only used Epsom salts once, 12 months previously, and took it out of a similar bottle from the same cupboard.

Maynard Jefford, dispenser, said she had only been 12 months in the institution, and had never issued any oxalic acid to the ward. In issuing poisons she always labelled them poison. She had nothing to do with the cupboards in the wards.

Fanny Willows, matron, stated that in going her rounds she found deceased suffering, and was told by her that she had taken some medicine given her by the nurse in the red ward on the previous evening. She could only have taken the medicine a quarter of an hour before witness saw her. Witness administered an antidote and telephoned for the doctor.

The jury returned a verdict that deceased died from collapse, through having taken oxalic acid given to her by Nurse Lynch in mistake for Epsom salts, as the bottle containing the oxalic acid and bottle of salts were similar in appearance, and together, and the oxalic acid was not properly labelled "poison" in red letters.

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This week's "Sydney Mail" contains several illustrations of the proposed site for the Children's Hospital.—Advt.

REGISTRATION OF UNIONS.

UNITED LABOURERS AND BUILDERS' LABOURERS.

DECISION BY THE REGISTRAR.

BOTH UNIONS TO REMAIN.

In the matter of an application by the United Labourers' Protective Society of New South Wales, industrial union of employees, for the cancellation of the registration of the Builders' Labourers' Union, industrial union of employees, the Registrar in Arbitration (Mr. Addison) has given the following decision:—

The material grounds on which the application was based, briefly stated, were that the United Labourers' Protective Society had been for many years and was now representative of builders' labourers, and that although it included a number of other classes of labour the interests of builders' labourers were fully safeguarded by its constitution, which provided for autonomy by each of its constituent classes in respect of matters regarding wages, hours, and working conditions, and that in practice their interests had always been conserved, that the Builders' Labourers' Union was a small society, and was formed only in 1901, and that the class of builders' labourer was of such an unskilled character, and so analogous to and connected with the remaining classes of which the United Labourers' Protective Society consisted, that its interests were better looked after in conjunction with those other classes than in a union of its own. It was further urged that the existence of two unions representing builders' labourers was and would be for various reasons detrimental to the interests of builders' labourers.

In reply to those reasons for cancellation the Builders' Labourers' Union pointed out that for 40 years, and until 1897, the United Labourers' Protective Society consisted only of builders' labourers, but that it now comprised and admitted to membership labourers of a number of other classes, and indeed any labourer who earned 7s per day; that the interests of the builders' labourers were not and could not be fully conserved by the United Labourers' Protective Society, and that the autonomy granted to the various classes in the society was not and could not be complete. Finally it was contended that the whole matter was res judicata, a similar application having been heard and refused by the Registrar.

The United Labourers' Protective Society was established in 1861, and for some time consisted of bricklayers' labourers and plasterers' labourers only. It later admitted to membership gantry and crane men and masons' and carpenters' labourers, and until 1897 consisted of those five classes of labour only. In that year it opened its doors to other classes of labour, and now admitted to membership sewer miners, rock choppers, and gutterers, men engaged in hammer and drill and jumper work, men engaged in quarrying and spawling stone, concrete workers, platelayers, sewer workers, and labourers not already specified, who received a wage of not less than 7s per day. It now comprised about 1400 members, several hundreds of whom were, it was alleged, competent to perform the first-named five classes of work.

The Builders' Labourers' Union was established in the year 1901, and was registered as an industrial union on March 6, 1902. It consisted of about 120 members, and admitted to membership bricklayers' labourers, plasterers' labourers, masons' labourers, gantry and crane men, and carpenters' labourers.

Before discussing the question in issue, it appeared to him (the Registrar) advisable, in view of the various contentions urged before him in respect of the establishment and right to existence of industrial unions, to state what he considered to be the aims and objects of the Act in respect of those matters. The Act had constituted a court with almost unlimited powers of dealing with industrial matters and of settling the wages and conditions which should obtain in respect of any work done by the members of an industrial union. The effect of that provision was, therefore, to very largely restrict, if not to entirely abrogate, the common law right formerly possessed by every individual workman to contract in respect to those wages and conditions, as it was only as a member of an industrial union that a workman can apply to the Court. Freedom of individual contract having been taken away, it was clear that workers should be grouped in such industrial unions as were most likely to further their industrial interests through and by means of the Act, and not necessarily in such unions as were most likely to further those interests by means outside the operations of the Act. With one important limitation, presently to be noticed, the Act therefore gave full opportunity to workmen to form themselves for the purposes of the Act into such groups as they choose. This was clearly shown by section 4. In the first place a trades-union (which may consist of seven members) or a branch was made the basis on which an industrial union was formed, and in the second place the Registrar was obliged to register that union if the provisions of the Act were complied with, the only limitation of those provisions being contained in the section which provided that any application to register an industrial union might be refused if another industrial union to which the applicants might conveniently belong had already been registered.

In view of the very strong language of section 4, and that the clause quoted in section 5 was the only discretionary power to refuse an application, it might be very well argued that an application for registration should not be refused except in a clear case of manifest inconvenience, and that in considering what is "convenient" all the Registrar had to consider was whether the registration would result in practical inconvenience for the purposes of the Act, the applicants as members of a trades-union being primarily absolutely entitled to be registered. The purpose of the Act appeared to be that workers, being compelled to operate not as individuals but as members of an industrial union, should be in an untrammelled position to make agreements with their employers and obtain awards of the Court, and if that purpose was best achieved by registration apart from a union already existing the inconveniences to the objecting union could not be taken into consideration. No doubt the clause was inserted to prevent a multiplicity of unions of the same class—a state of affairs which would militate against the carrying into effect of the objects of the Act, but the clause could never have been intended, he thought, to restrict the rights conferred upon classes of workers to full and proper representation by means of unions. Prima facie any trades-union must be registered, and that right could only be denied if there was another union which amply provided for the inclusion and thorough representation of the applicants under the Act.

If that was so on an application for registration, it must apply a fortiori on an application for cancellation, as the policy of the Act must be, having regard to the large powers given to an industrial union, that when once registered it should not be wiped out unless (1) such cancellation had become necessary for the purposes of the Act; (2) the union or its members had been guilty of misconduct which in fact covered four out of the six grounds stated in section 8. There was no allegation or evidence of misconduct in the case under notice, and the question therefore was whether or not the cancellation had become necessary for the purposes of the Act. The existence of two unions representing the same class in the same geographical area was, as was held in the case of the Australian Workers Union v. The Machine Shearers' Union, contrary to the policy of the Act, but he gathered from that case that before the members of one union could by the cancellation of that union be forced to join another or remain outside the benefits of unionism it must be quite clear that the latter union is completely representative of the former. Did then the United Labourers' Protective Society represent the same class of workers as the Builders Labourers' Union? And, if this question was answered in the affirmative, did the United Labourers' Protective Society give full and proper representation to builders' labourers for all the purposes of the Act? It would appear that both unions embraced builders' labourers, the distinction being that while the Builders' Labourers' Union was confined to builders' labourers, the United Labourers' Protective Society comprised and admitted to membership many other classes, and in fact all workers earning 7s per day.

He found on consideration of the whole of the evidence that although the work of a builder's labourer (except perhaps that of certain plasterers' labourers, and of crane and gantry men) was of a class inferior to the work of a tradesman who had served an apprenticeship, it yet was work which required more or less skill and experience, in spite of the fact that instances occurred where builders' labourers' work was very quickly acquired by unskilled persons. Further, it stood and had for long stood apart as work connected eminently with building operations, though building contractors might have occasion to employ quarrymen, sewer men, and workmen of the other classes admitted by the United Labourers' Protective Society, and on the whole it seemed to him that the five divisions of builders' labour had a community of interest apart from the other classes embraced by the United Labourers' Protective Society, though the line was by no means as clearly drawn as it was between two trades. The fact that for many years the United Labourers' Protective Society consisted only of builders' labourers seemed to him in itself to afford a strong presumption of the correctness of the view which he had arrived at from the consideration of the evidence. He did not think that a union in which builders' labourers were in a minority, and which threw open its ranks to all unskilled workers, provided that they can earn 7s per day, sufficiently ensured that builders' labourers' claims would be fully and properly dealt with in every event of a difficulty arising in the building trade. The builders' labourers themselves seemed to him, by the nature of their work and the community of their interests, to have exclusively the right to give consideration to their disputes and to judge of the propriety of sending those disputes to the Court.

On all those grounds, therefore, he did not consider that the United Labourers' Protective Society was fully representative of the builders' labourers' class. If that society was adversely affected by the existence of the Builders' Labourers' Union that was hardly ground for its cancellation. The latter union was, to his mind, the representative union of the class of work known as builders' labourers' work, and the fact that the United Labourers' Protective Society contained a considerable number of persons competent to do builders' labourers' work did not seem to him to disguise the real nature of the society, which comprised a majority of workers whose interests might not be identical with those of the builders' labourers. There might be good reasons outside the purposes of the Act for the society's greatly extended organisation; but it was not, in his opinion, fitted to conserve the interests of builders' labourers for the purposes of the Act, having regard to the nature of its constituent elements and its form of government. He refused the application.

BETHLEHEM CONVENT, ASHFIELD.

The annual prize-giving and entertainment of Bethlehem Convent, Ashfield, was held in the school hall, Ashfield, on Monday afternoon. Archbishop Kelly presided, and there was a large attendance, which included Messrs. E. C. V. Broughton, M.L.A., Captain Cross, Fallon, A. R. Coffey, and W. J. Donnelly, Mesdames M'Cauley, Windon, and Mecham. The hall was prettily decorated with blue and white. The display of paintings and needlework was very attractive, as were the drawings from models.

Archbishop Kelly addressed the pupils and urged them to make the best use possible of their school days in order to perfect themselves in the responsibilities of womanhood. Women, he pointed out, had much more to do with the future of a country than was supposed, and since their enfranchisement politically had come about, it behoved those responsible for the up-bringing of the young to inculcate lessons which would be of practical benefit to them. Politics, he thought, would never be more than a compromise between those who held divergent views on matters of State policy. If the homes were happy with educated women who exercised their talents in the direction of freedom and sound morality politics would be made cleaner and better.

The programme was of an interesting character. The choruses, "Song of Welcome," "Minnie Darling," "The Violet," "Hunting Song," and "The Storm" were sung. Misses Simmonds, Broadhurst, Egan, and Bell played a pianoforte duet. Miss N. Boulais read an address of welcome to Archbishop Kelly. Misses L. Morris, R. Ahearn, Mecham, and Spillane contributed pianoforte pieces. Miss E. Ahearn recited "The Knight's Toast" admirably, Miss M. Boulais sang "The Last Rose of Summer," and Misses Morris, Reidy, K. and M. Broadhurst, Quail, and Auckett played a violin sestette.

The prize list was as follows:—

Public Competitions, Bathurst Art Society.—Landscape in oils (amateurs), Elsie Ahearn, 1; landscape in oils (amateurs under 20), Kathleen Morris, 1; black and white, Lottie Morris, 1; illuminating, Katie Broadhurst, 1. Art work in silk, Lizzie Woodburn, 1; drawn thread work, Annie Reidy, 1; plain needlework, Vera Windon, 1; lace work, Alice Mackel, 1; non-competitive work, Alice Mackel, 1; corticelli work, Lizzie Curchod, v.h.c.; lace work, Dina Burns, h.c. Royal Academy and Royal College of Music.—Practical—Piano: Higher schools, Marcie Boulais, Nellie Auckett; lower schools, Beattie Broadhurst, Nellie Simmonds; elementary, Dorothy Bell, Lily Scarsbrook, May Smidmore. Singing: Higher schools, Marcie Boulais. London College of Music.—Violin: Advanced senior, Lottie Morris, and Katie Broadhurst; intermediate, Pearlie Quail (honours). Piano: Geraldine Fitzgerald (honours). Good conduct (awarded by the votes of the pupils), Bridgie Foran; Christian doctrine, Agnes Sharkey; French composition (gold medal), Annie Meaney. Matriculation Class: Aggregate merit, Annie Meaney; first in algebra, Leesie Morris; first in geometry, Mabel Donnelly; first in arithmetic, Agnes Sharkey; first in French, Renie Ahearn; first in Latin, Annie Meaney. Junior class: Aggregate merit, Kathleen Reidy; first in arithmetic and algebra, Minnie Hurley; first in mapping, Mary Mecham; first in French, Vera Windon; first in English literature, history, geography, and geometry, Kathleen Reidy. Sub-junior class: Christian doctrine, Eileen M'Cauley; aggregate merit, May Butler; English, K. Murphy; French, geometry, and geography, Clarie Bullen; arithmetic, algebra, and theory, Renie Hurley; Latin and English literature, May Butler; home lessons, Lottie Morris. Preparatory class: Aggregate merit, Eileen Walton; Latin, Eileen M'Cauley; arithmetic, Alice Smith; algebra, Bridie Foran; English, French, history, geography, and home lessons, Eileen Walton; theory, Stella Donnelly; general improvement, Tessie Cahill. Fourth class: Good conduct, Nellie Simmonds; catechism, Nellie Simmonds; grammar, Maggie Fitzgerald; composition, Gertie Howe; reading, Edie Lehmann; history, Eileen Egan; geography, Maud Cahill; French, Maud Auckett; spelling, Fluffie Bagnall; arithmetic, Lily Scarsbrook; neat exercises, Ethe Elliot; neatness and order, Elsie Fuller; attendance, Kathleen Hanly. Special prizes: Lace work, Lizzie Woodburn; shadow work, Winnie Hurley; corticelli work, Vera Windon; Renie Ahearn, Annie Maher, Fanny Donnelly; drawn-thread work, May Curchod, Mary Mecham, Clarie Bullen; plain needlework, K. Murphy, Eileen Walton, Maud Auckett; freehand drawing (senior division), Eileen Walton; freehand drawing (junior division) May Butler; class singing, Leesie Morris; hymn singing, Fanny Donnelly; regular attendance, Florrie Howard.

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THE BOER DELEGATES.

VISIT TO BERRY.

Mr. John Kidd (Minister for Agriculture), the Boer delegates, and visitors were entertained by the committee of the Berry Agricultural Society at dinner at the Commercial Hotel on Monday evening. Mr. H. D. Morton (president of the society) presided. The loyal toasts having been proposed and honoured,

The Chairman proposed "The Ministry," coupled with the name of the Minister for Mines and Agriculture, and referred to the pleasure of seeing Mr. Kidd with them, and also the Boer delegates, whom he welcomed on behalf of the society.

Mr. Kidd, in responding, said he was happy to be able to state that New South Wales was now in the way of attaining to a prosperous position, having had abundant rains. Many districts had suffered through unprecedented drought. Referring to the fodder duties, he said their remission would not help the consumer, as importers would bring all produce into New South Wales, claim a refund of the duty, and then tranship to Victoria and Queensland. The Governments of those States would not pay the duty, a lot of wheat would be sold on arrival, and the consumer would have to pay the same price, whilst the importers would get the refund. If the Federal Government had remitted the duties the difficulty would have been obviated to a certain extent. There was no necessity now to import a single ton of fodder. They could do away with the cry that there was going to be high price on bread. Everything appeared bright now; they would not have dear bread for winter. Concerning the Boer delegates, the Cabinet decided to show them all that could be seen in the State so far as land, agriculture, and dairying were concerned. It would be the means of advertising our products. The Government had sent out commercial agents last year with the object of bringing people to know what New South Wales could produce, and in ordinary seasons we would have plenty of produce to assist them with their requirements.

Dr. John Hay proposed "The South African Delegates, coupled with the name of Captain Kirkpatrick, our guests and visitors." He said he felt it an honour to be asked to propose the toast and to welcome those who had borne the heat and burden of the day in South Africa—men, too, who had been pioneers of that great country. Berry was honoured by the visit of the delegates.

Captain Kirkpatrick responded, and, on behalf of Lord Milner and the party which he represented, thanked them for the toast and welcome. It was an honour to have charge of the party. He thanked the Government and Mr. Kidd for their kindness in making arrangements for them. They were going to tour the whole State. They had visited the Hawkesbury College. It was very fine, they never saw anything like it elsewhere. The party had expressed themselves as highly delighted. They had never seen anything like the Ayrshire herd to-day, though they had seen big herds in England and Canada. The delegates would take away pleasant memories of Berry. He considered the Transvaal and all South Africa would have a great future; the country was capable of supporting a great population. In not very many years' time it would supply itself with everything. He thanked Dr. Hay and others for the valuable information they had given the delegates that day.

Mr. Lane, a delegate, also responded, and expressed thanks. He felt as if he would like to remain in Berry always. Three years ago they all felt inclined to go for one another's throats. Now they met in the bond of friendship. The war was all for the best. South Africa would turn out good loyal subjects. He had a great regard for Australia; his wife and others had been very kindly treated at the hands of Australians in South Africa. Australia would have a big trade with South Africa for some few years in the supply of meat and produce. The late republics would always be glad to welcome Australians. They had never seen such fine herds of Ayrshires, Jerseys, &c., as had been shown to them at Coolangatta that day.

Mr. Jooste responded in Dutch, being, as he said, unable to speak English to any extent.

Mr. Rood also responded, and translated Mr. Jooste's remarks, which were to the effect that he was surprised to find Australia so different from what he expected after the reports of the drought he had heard. He was pleased with the country, and thanked them for the welcome, which he felt came from them as brothers.

Mr. Alexander Hay proposed "The Officers of the Department of Agriculture."

Mr. W. S. Campbell, chief inspector Agricultural Department, responded, as did also Mr. M. A. O'Callaghan, dairy expert, and Mr. Potts, principal of the Hawkesbury Agricultural College.

Mr. Kidd proposed "The Patron of the Berry Agricultural Society, Dr. Hay."

Dr. Hay, in responding, said the obligation rested on him to encourage the prosperity of the South Coast and Shoalhaven out of respect to the memory of the pioneers of the district. He felt he was right in purchasing the Ayrshire cattle. Victoria had in the past taken the lead, but the Government of that State fostered the industry, and the State had taken the lead though they learnt the business from the South Coast. They gave all the information possible to the South African delegates and others for the general prosperity of the Empire. Capitalists had been blamed, and co-operation was the watchword throughout the State, but in the future capital would be required to further the industry. The chief point of success was the quality of cattle. If the farmers would get good herds, and look after pastures for future seasons, nothing would beat the South Coast.

Mr. John Stewart proposed "The Visitors," and Dr. Norrie, Captain Wilcox, and Mr. Dodds responded.

Mr. Kidd proposed "The Berry Agricultural Society."

Mr. Morton responded shortly, as did also Mr. Colley, secretary of the society.

Other toasts followed.

THE SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The first of a series of Christmas festivities in connection with the Seamen's Institute, George-street North, took place last night. The hall was decorated with bunting, &c., supplied by Captain Currie, of the ship Macquarie, and Captain Collins, of the ship Centurion. At 6.30 p.m. a tea was provided, at which the attendance was large. The ladies who presided at and arranged the tables were:—Lady Rawson, Lady Beaumont, Lady Harris, Lady See, Mrs. A. W. Meeks, Miss Snowdon Smith, Mrs. Dickson, Mrs. Knox, Mrs. Bushby, Mrs. Wilshire, Mrs. Broomfield, Mrs Burdekin, Mrs. Bracegirdle, Mrs. Corkhill, Mrs. Sandy, Mrs. Troup, Mrs. Rundle, Mr. W. G. Whiting, Miss Knox, Miss Donk, Miss Thomas, and Miss F. Mitchell. The ladies' committee of management consisted of Mrs. T. F. Knox, Mrs. Distan Morgan, Mrs. David Anderson, Mrs. J. H. A. Lee, Mrs. David Dickson, Mrs. Campbell, and Miss Fitton. The tea was followed by a concert, presided over by the Archbishop (Dr. Saumarez Smith). Those who took part in the programme were:—Miss Grace Hall, Mr. Donald Smith, Master Smedley, Mr. Rainford, Miss Ruby Bowring, Miss Muriel Stanley Hall, Mr. Emil Susemilch, Mr. G. Norton Russell, and Mr. Robert Young. Miss Grace Hall acted as accompanist, and Messrs. T. H. Distan Morgan, H. Kitley and C. H. Moss acted as secretaries.

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EXAMINATION RESULTS.

The results of the recent University examinations were issued by the registrar last night, and are as follow:—

FACULTY OF ARTS.

FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION.

Pass (alphabetical): A. C. Askham, Fanny M. Austin, *H. A. Allen, *Robert Anderson, N. C. Barker, *I. M. Barrow, D. R. Barry, E. H. Bottrell, Manie B. Burfitt, *S. K. Callaghan, C. H. Chrismas, A. E. Colvin, Ethel Curran, Madeleine M. Dawes, W. D. Donkin, R. J. Douglas, H. W. Flashman, V. S. Futter, C. B. Geddes, W. E. Giblin, Frances Graham, +E. F. Hallman, *L. A. Harris, R. G. Henderson, H. Henry, Andree Adelaide Kaeppel, T. H. Johnston, N. Larkins, *Meta G. E. Latreille, *F. E. Loxton, H. F. Markell, H. E. Manning, H. P. Melville, *J. K. Miller, Olive L. Mott, A. Mottershead, C. H. Northcott, J. Paterson, A. Paul, E. T. Real, F. C. Rogers, P. H. Rogers, Gladys M. Roughton, Jessie Skillman, Ella M. Slack, *S. C. Smith, K. St. Vincent Welch, A. H. Tebbutt, *F. Terry, G. L. Tomlinson, E. F. Waddy, R. T. Wade, A. D. Walker, C. J. L. White.

* Evening Student. + Unmatriculated.

English.—Pass: J. Paterson, P. H. Rogers, *F. Terry, H. Henry; E. T. Real, G. L. Tomlinson, æq.; R. G. Henderson, Madeleine M. Dawes; T. H. Johnston, Jessie Skillman, æq.; C. H. Northcott, A. Paul, R. T. Wade, æq.; H. W. Flashman, *+H. T. Lovell, A. Mottershead, æq.; *L. A. Harris, Andree A. Kaeppel; H. P. Melville, A. H. Tebbutt, æq.; C. H. Chrismas, E. Fowler, æq.; *Robt. Anderson, D. R. Barry, R. J. Douglas, May D. Robertson, Ella M. Slack, æq.; F. C. Rogers; *+A. Cole, Frances Graham, H. F. Markell, æq.; *+Rachael Anderson, Fanny M. Austin, H. E. Manning, *+R. G. Newton, E. F. Waddy, C. J. L. White, æq.; W. D. Donkin, +E. F. Hallman, æq.; N. Larkins, *Meta G. E. Latreille, æq.; *S. K. Callaghan, A. Colvin, C. B. Geddes, H. Priestly, æq.; Ethel Curran, Manie B. Burfitt, Olive L. Mott, V. S. Futter; L. A. Redgrave, Gladys M. Roughton, K. St. V. Welch, æq.; P. H. B. Young; T. C. Dwyer, W. E. Giblin, æq.; *+J. O. A. Bourke; N. C. Barker, *K. Binns, æq.; *F. C. G. Tremlett, R. S. Murray-Prior, æq.; A. C. Askham, D. B. Hill, æq.; *+W. Jones, H. H. Manning, Isabel M. Coleman; Dorothy V. Hall, A. F. Sinclair, æq.; E. H. Bottrell, *+G. M. Barron, A. D. Walker, *H. A. Allen, *W. P. Moylan, B. B. Dickson; E. E. I. Body, J. N. M'Gee, G. P. Makinson, æq.

Chemistry.—Honours—Class I: H. Priestly. Class 2: D. R. Barry.

Latin.—Pass: R. G. Henderson, P. H. Rogers, J. Paterson, H. Henry, æq.; F. C. Rogers, E. T. Real, æq.; Jessie Skillman, A. A. Mottershead, G. L. Tomlinson, *F. Terry, R. J. Douglas, Madeline M. Dawes, H. W. Flashman, H. E. Manning, D. R. Barry, *L. A. Harris, Frances Graham, R. T. Wade, Andree A. Kaeppel, Gladys M. Roughton, E. F. Waddy, *S. K. Callaghan, *J. K. Miller, A. H. Tebbutt, Ethel Curran; *S. C. Smith, A. Paul, æq.; A. E. Colvin, C. H. Northcott; H. P. Melville, N. C. Barker, æq.; W. E. Giblin, C. H. Chrismas, æq.; C. J. L. White, +E. F. Hallman; H. H. Manning, Olive L. Mott, æq.; K. St. Vincent Welch, A. C. Askham, *H. A. Allen, Fanny M. Austin, E. H. Bottrell, P. H. Young, E. Fowler, J. H. Johnston, A. F. Sinclair, Ella M. Slack, H. F. Markell, *R. Anderson, A. D. Walker, J. M. Barrow, Manie B. Burfitt, W. D. Donkin, C. B. Geddes, N. Larkins, V. S. Futter.

Junior French.—Pass: Frances Graham, D. R. Barry, Jessie Skillman, Madeleine M. Dawes, Andree A. Kaeppel, *S. G. Ellis; *F. Terry, E. S. Townsend, æq.; *F. E. Loxton, Fanny M. Austin, G. L. Tomlinson, F. C. Rogers, C. B. Geddes, Ethel Curran, Ella M. Slack, H. Henry, R. T. Wade, E. T. Real, C. H. Northcott, Olive L. Mott, W. D. Donkin, W. E. Giblin, *S. C. Smith, H. P. Melville, *Rachel Anderson; *S. K. Callaghan, E. Fowler, æq.; R. J. Douglas, E. F. Waddy, L. A. Redgrave, N. Larkins, K. St. Vincent Welch, Gladys M. Roughton, A. E. Colvin, +E. F. Hallman, E. H. Bottrell, H. F. Markell, May D. Robertson; Isabel M. Coleman, A. H. Tebbutt, æq.; Manie B. Burfitt; A. F. Sinclair, T. H. Johnston, æq.; A. Paul, H. W. Flashman; V. S. Futter, æq.; *W. P. Moylan, æq.; *I. M. Barrow; C. H. Chrismas, H. H. Manning, æq.; *H. A. Allen, R. C. D. Garnock, C. J. L. White, G. C. Stewart, A. C. Askham, N. C. Barker, A. L. Dawson; Ethel Talbot, *Robert Anderson, T. C. Dwyer, æq.; R. S. Murray-Prior, A. D. Walker, W. K. Brennan.

German.—Pass: *L. A. Harris.

Preliminary Greek.—Pass: *J. K. Miller, J. N. M'Gee, G. P. Makinson, D. B. Hill.

Junior Greek.—Pass: P. H. Rogers, R. G. Henderson, J. Paterson, A. Mottershead, H. E. Manning.

Physiography.—Pass: H. Flashman, University prize; H. Priestly, M. M. Dawes, prox. acc.; W. H. Mason, H. G. Foxall H. P. Melville, D. R. Barry, A. Paul, G. L. Tomlinson, J. F. Stephen; R. T. Wade, R. G. Newton, æq.; O. A. Ireland, E. W. Marriott, æq.; J. H. Burgess; J. G. Bladon, T. H. Johnston, æq.; A. C. Askham, Frances Graham, W. D. Donkin, S. D. Webb, *Rachael Anderson; V. J. Waine, P. Young, æq.; T. C. Dwyer, G. O. Noble, æq.; J. W. Tilley, E. C. Stewart, J. M. Edgley; S. J. Bellemey, W. D. Whiteman, æq.; C. C. Nardin, A. Maughan, *R. G. Knox, D. V. Hall, R. S. Murray-Prior; N. R. Johnston, E. J. Lees, H. R. Hallman, æq.; C. H. Northcott, H. M. Barker, Harold M. Larkins, Charles J. White, R. G. Cowlishaw, R. B. Fitzhardinge.

* Evening student. + Conditionally upon obtaining honours in mathematics in March.

SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION.

Pass (alphabetical).—*J. G. Beckenham, M. F. Bruxner, A. P. Campbell, Daisy Carey, Ada M. Carruthers, F. W. D. Collier, Edith Collings, K. R. Cramp, +O. A. A. Diethelm, *Sara Evans, Edith M. Fry, *R. J. Goddard, T. H. Goddard, Eirene A. Holloway, *F. R. Jordan, A. M. Levick, Ettie Lyons, Isabel M. M'Innes, W. Maxwell, J. W. G. Powell, Roberta J. S. Reid, *C. P. Schrader, Elizabeth Skillen, *J. Spence, Mabel H. Sutton, P. R. Watts, +C. E. Weatherburn, A. Wheeler.

English.—Pass: P. R. Watts, A. M. Levick, Elizabeth Skillen, F. W. D. Collier; *F. R. Jordan, Mabel H. Sutton, æq.; *J. J. Quinn; M. F. Bruxner, Daisy Carey, æq.; J. W. G. Powell, Eirene A. Holloway, W. Maxwell, *T. G. Macdonald, Ada M. Carruthers, Edith M. Fry; Roberta J. S. Reid, C. P. Schrader, A. R. Wheeler, æq.; Isabel M. M'Innes, Ettie Lyons, *W. J. S. Carroll, A. D. Fisher, Edith Collings, Irene M. Morley, Clara Lowick, T. H. Goddard, Madeline M. Mugliston, G. H. Cranswick, I. G. Mackay.

Latin.—Pass: A. M. Levick, R. S. Bonney, *F. R. Jordan, P. R. Watts, W. Maxwell, *J. J. Quinn, T. H. Goddard, F. W. D. Colyer; Edith M. Fry, R. J. Goddard, æq.; Ada M. Carruthers, M. F. Bruxner, *J. Spence, æq.; Ettie Lyons, Eirene A. Holloway, *Florence I. M. Oakes; A. P. Campbell, *A. J. Coombes, æq.; Daisy Carey, K. R. Cramp, A. R. Wheeler, Clara Lowick; A. D. Fisher, *J. G. Beckenham, æq.; Edith Collings, Roberta J. S. Reid, Elizabeth Skillen, F. V. J. Cullen, *C. P. Schrader, *W. J. S. Carroll, Mabel H. Sutton, Isabella R. MacCallum, *A. E. Compton.

Senior French.—Pass: A. N. Levick, Isabella R. MacCallum, *F. R. Jordan, Daisy Carey, F. V. J. Cullen, Eirene A. Holloway, Elizabeth Skillen, F. W. D. Collier, *J. Spence, K. R. Cramp, C. O'C. Murray, Edith Collings, *Florence I. M. Oakes, Ettie Lyons, *S. W. Ebsworth, Roberta J. S. Reid, A. R. Wheeler, T. H. Goddard, J. W. G. Powell, J. G. Beckenham.

Senior German.—Pass: Isabel M. M'Innes.

Logic and Mental Philosophy.—Pass: P. R. Watts; Edith M. Fry, A. M. Levick, F. W. D. Collier, T. H. Goddard, K. R. Cramp, *A. J. Coombes, æq.; A. P. Campbell, *J. Spence, *T. C. Hewitt, W. Maxwell, *C. P. Schrader, *Sarah Evans, *F. R. Jordan, *J. G. Beckenham, J. W. G. Powell, A. R. Wheeler, Millicent Fox, *R. G. Knox, A. D. Fisher, D. D. Dey, Isabel M. M'Innes, *A. Z. Compton, C. O'C. Murray, A. H. Noake, G. H. Cranswick, Roberta J. S. Reid, V. C. Duff, F. V. J. Cullen, H. V. Jaques, M. F. Bruxner.

History.—Pass: K. R. Cramp, W. Maxwell, P. R. Watts, Elizabeth Skillen; *T. G. Macdonald, M. F. Bruxner; Edith M. Fry, Edith Collings, Daisy Carey, Ada M. Carruthers, æq.; Eirene A. Holloway, Ettie Lyons, Madeline M. Mugliston, T. H. Goddard, H. V. Jaques, A. R. Noake, G. H. Cranswick, Irene M. Morley.

Evening Students.—J. Spence, Sara Evans, C. P. Schrader, R. G. Knox, S. W. Ebsworth, G. E. Brown, +F. S. Hartnell, V. A. S. Little (third year).

Geology.—Honours—Class I.: R. S. Bonney. Class II.: Ada M. Carruthers, Mabel H. Sutton. Pass: A. P. Campbell, J. W. G. Powell, Blanche E. Boland.

Biology.—Pass: Bertha W. London.

THIRD YEAR EXAMINATION.

Pass.—A. H. Austin, H. V. D. Baret, ‡W. A. Barton, *‡D. G. Bathgate, Nina D. Brentnall, ‡A. M. Cohen, P. R. Cole, Winifred Cowlishaw, R. K. Denham, Gladys M. B. Docker, *H. Fetherstone, Emily R. Graham, W. J. Grant, E. J. Gregson, Helen L. Harley, F. Hope, Klio Jensen, ‡R. C. King-Kemp, *W. C. Lindsay, *V. A. S. Little, G. Logan, F. C. T. Lord, N. G. M'William, ‡R. W. Mowbray, *W. C. O'Reilly, *A. W. Oswald, Constance M. Rutherford, +G. F. Sharpe, Margaret Sproule, J. R. Stewart, Maggie R. Wardrop, E. G. Waterhouse, *M. E. Yates.

‡ Conditionally upon obtaining honours in classics in March.

§ Conditionally upon passing in law subjects in March.

\+ Conditionally upon obtaining honours in mathematics in March.

Latin.—Pass: Klio Jensen, W. A. Barton, P. R. Cole, Nina T. Brentnall, J. R. Stewart, W. J. Grant, G. F. Sharpe, Helen L. Harley, Margaret Coutts, *J. P. H. Giles, Winifred Cowlishaw, *A. W. Oswald, E. J. Gregson, *T. T. Roberts, *W. H. W. Stevenson, G. M'William, Ida B. Wilkinson, *V. A. S. Little, Constance M. Rutherford, Florence L. Saunders, Emily R. Graham, Gladys M. B. Docker, Florence H. Wark.

Senior Greek.—Pass: W. A. Barton, Klio Jensen, J. R. Stewart, Nina T. Brentnall, W. J. Grant, P. Hope, R. S. Bonney (second year), *A. W. Oswald, H. V. D. Baret, A. P. Campbell (second year), G. Logan, *W. H. W. Stevenson, A. H. Austin.

Senior French.—Pass: Margaret Sproule, E. G. Waterhouse, G. F. Sharpe, Maggie R. Wardrop, Gladys M. B. Docker, Margaret Coutts, Helen L. Harley, H. K. Denham, Winifred Cowlishaw, Florence L. Saunders.

Senior German.—Pass: Margaret Sproule, E. G. Waterhouse.

English.—Pass: P. R. Cole, E. G. Waterhouse, P. Hope, *W. C. O'Reilly, H. K. Denham, Maggie R. Wardrop, Winifred Cowlishaw; F. C. T. Lord, *M. E. Yates, æq.; Emily R. Graham, Constance M. Rutherford, Gladys M. B. Docker.

* Evening Student.

Logic and Mental Philosophy.—Pass: P. R. Cole, A. H. Austin, P. Hope, W. J. Grant, J. R. Stewart, Klio Jensen, Margaret Sproule, N. G. M'William, F. C. T. Lord, H. K. Denham, Maggie R. Wardrop, G. Logan, Winifred Cowlishaw, H. A. Meek.

Evening Students.—M. E. Yates, John P. H. Giles, W. Creswell O'Reilly, Frederick S. Hartnell, William C. Lindsay, Vivian A. S. Little, Alfred W. Oswald, Donald G. Bathgate.

History.—Pass: P. R. Cole, R. C. King-Kemp, *W. C. O'Reilly, Helen L. Harley; F. C. T. Lord, *M. E. Yates, æq.; Nina T. Brentnall; G. Logan, N. G. M'Millan, æq.; Emily R. Graham, A. H. Austin, H. A. Meek, R. W. Mowbray, Constance M. Rutherford.

Post Graduate Courses of Lectures on the Science and History of Education.—Pass: Nelson L. Boxall, B.A., Jessie Bowmaker, B.A., Grace M. Bruce, B.A., Hilda N. M. Crisford, B.A., John W. Dunlop, B.A., Brother Fergus, Charlotte E. Fraser-Hill, B.A., Charles C. Grassick, B.A., Thomas C. Hewitt, May Beatrice Hancox, Rev. Philip Jeffrey, Philip Kennedy, B.A., Samuel Lasker, B.A., C. Mande Scrutton, B.A., James B. Telfer, B.A.

FACULTY OF MEDICINE.

FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION.

Renwick scholarship: J. L. Shellshear. Slade prize for practical physics: J. L. Shellshear. Collie prize for botany: A. MacInnes, B.A. Professor Haswell's prizes for laboratory notes: C. H. B. Bradley, H. R. G. Poate, W. J. White. Pass (alphabetical): H. V. D. Baret, C. H. B. Bradley, H. O. Chapman, H. W. Conolly, F. Craig, J. E. P. Deakin, J. G. Edwards, L. B. Elwell, J. J. Gilchrist, R. E. M'Clelland, A. MacInnes, B.A., A. J. Mackenzie, H. M. O. Moran, H. R. G. Poate, E. H. Rutledge, H. H. Schlink, J. L. Shellshear, F. C. Stokes, C. W. Thompson, W. Vickers, W. J. White.

Chemistry.—Honours: Class I., J. L. Shellshear; Class II., A. MacInnes, B.A., O. A. Paul.

Biology.—Honours: Class II.: A. MacInnes, B.A., J. L. Shellshear, H. H. Schlink.

Physics.—Honours: Class II., J. L. Shellshear.

SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION.

Passed with Distinction.—T. C. Parkinson.

Passed with Credit.—H. T. C. M'Culloch, G. Bell; J. G. Harris, S. H. Harris, T. L. O'Reilly, æq.; E. A. Wherritt, J. S. Aspinall, R. A. Parker; A. C. Cahill, J. G. W. Hill, æq.; C. R. Palmer, J. B. St. Vincent Welch, æq.

Pass (alphabetical): Constance C. Rinnie, J. P. Clifford, D. D. Gibson, D. H. Graham, Margaret H. Harper, G. H. S. Lightoller, A. M'Killop, E. H. Molesworth, A. H. Moseley, H. W. Palmer, C. P. Sapsford.

THIRD YEAR EXAMINATION.

John Harris Scholarship for Anatomy and Physiology.—C. Quaife.

Passed with Distinction.—C. Quaife.

Passed with Credit.—W. T. Quaife, J. R. Leslie, Susannah H. O'Reilly; J. L. M'Kelvey, J. W. Power, F. G. M. Simpson, æq.; E. Cuipin.

Pass (alphabetical).—J. Cohen, L. Cowlishaw, E. J. Day, J. N. Griffiths, E. S. Harrison, L. P. Johnston, V. M'Dowall, A. S. C. Roberts, C. Shellshear, P. E. Smith, A. Verge, G. H. Vernon, R. J. N. Whiteman, G. H. Young.

FOURTH YEAR EXAMINATION.

Passed with credit: G. A. Buchanan, T. P. Connolly; C. S. Browne, Constance E. D'Arcy, W. Mawson, æq.; T. E. C. Higgins.

Pass (alphabetical): V. Benjafield, R. S. Godsall, N. W. Hannard, H. O. Lethbridge, St. A. W. L. M'Dowall, R. Perkins, Alice Pritchard, B.A., A. B. Phillips, G. G. Sharp, B.Sc., M. M. Vernon.

FIFTH YEAR EXAMINATION.

Passed with credit: St. J. W. Dansey, S. A. Smith, æq.; P. L. Hipsley, M. J. Plomley, J. S. Davis, R. E. Woolnough, J. H. Cahill.

Pass (alphabetical): P. N. Aiken, P. S. Clarke, A. J. Curfe, L. B. H. Conroy, H. E. Fox, E. M. Humphery, H. S. Marsh, T. W. Mason, E. L. Newman, L. J. Robertson, F. M. Suckling, J. H. Thomson, R. A. P. Waugh.

HONOURS AT GRADUATION.

M.B. and Ch.M.—Class 1: None. Class 2: St. J. W. Dansey, P. L. Hipsley, S. A. Smith; T. W. Mason, J. S. Davis, æq.; R. E. Woolnough, M. J. Plomley, F. M. Suckling.

SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY.

First Year Examination.—Pass: Margaret E. Barnes, H. H. Bond, R. S. Boys, C. T. Burkitt, J. J. Clark, J. N. Starkey.

Second Year Examination.—J. H. Bradley, F. R. Crouch, A. P. B. Dolan, E. A. MacTaggart, F. Marshall, J. H. Neale, B. W. Neave, Annie Fraed, N. G. Stockwell.

PHARMACY STUDENTS.

Chemistry.—Introductory Honours—Class 1: N. W. J. Tivey. Class 2: S. T. Edye, L. Crawford, W. H. A. Teale, Miriam Parkes, S. T. Loney. Pass (alphabetical): A. C. Blacklow, H. F. Jones, G. M'Girr, Margaret Macpherson, E. A. Mitchell, F. M. Mitchell, A. H. Newth, E. E. C. Schofield, W. H. T. Young.

Chemistry.—Metals, Honours—None. Pass (alphabetical): A. C. Blacklow, L. Crawford, S. T. Loney, G. M'Girr, Margaret Macpherson, E. A. Mitchell, Miriam Parkes, N. W. J. Tivey, W. H. T. Young.

Chemistry.—Organic, Honours.—Class 2: S. T. Loney. Pass (alphabetical): A. C. Blacklow, L. Crawford, G. M'Girr, Margaret Macpherson, E. A. Mitchell, N. W. J. Tivey.

Chemistry.—Practical, Honours—Class 1: H. F. Jones, E. A. Mitchell. Class 2: S. T. Edye, N. W. J. Tivey. Pass (alphabetical): A. C. Blacklow, G. A. Brown, S. T. Loney, G. M'Girr, Margaret Macpherson, A. Porter, W. H. A. Teale.

Materia Medica.—Pass (alphabetical): A. C. Blacklow, S. T. Edye, C. W. James, S. T. Loney, G. M'Girr, E. A. Mitchell, C. F. Moore, H. A. K. Phillips, N. W. J. Tivey.

BOTANY.

Pass with credit: S. T. Loney, J. F. Schwegler. Pass: A. C. Blacklow, G. A. Brown, H. F. Jones, W. Lunney, G. M'Girr, A. H. Newth, N. W. J. Tivey, W. H. T. Young.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

CORPS OF AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS.

N.S.W. FIELD COMPANIES.

On Saturday last, at their depot, Moore Park, the local field engineers were examined practically in subjects as laid down in the syllabus for the annual course of training, and acquitted themselves well. Major C. Stuart-Cansdell, V.D., was in command, and made a detailed inspection being assisted by Captain A. Spain and Lieutenants A. W. Warden and S. H. Barraclough of No. 1 Company, and Captain J. M. Conroy and Lieutenants J. N. C. M'Taggart and E. V. T. Rowe of No. 2 Company. The tasks allotted were expeditiously carried out, and comprised the construction of sheers and derricks, trestle bridges, field ovens and kitchens, minor obstacles, as well as hasty demolitions by means of gunpowder and guncotton.

Subsequently, on the companies mustering in the lecture-hall, Major Stuart-Cansdell referred to the retirement of Lieutenant and Quartermaster Charles Parton, of the Engineer staff, who had, as instructor for the past 11 years, worked diligently to ensure a thorough instruction of the field companies. On behalf of the officers he presented Lieutenant Parton with an elegant silver inkstand and also a pipe. The non-commissioned officers and sappers, represented respectively by Sergeant-major Tate and Lance-corporal Hendley, also presented the retiring officer with souvenirs. Captain Spain bore testimony to the effective work performed by Lieutenant Parton.

Lieutenant Parton, in responding, said he had been proud to be their comrade, and trusted that the field companies would, in spite of adversity, stick to their duties.

Hearty cheers for Lieutenant Parton and his wife and daughter brought these proceedings to a close. Later on, at the mess, the officers toasted in a felicitous manner their departing comrade.

Lieutenant Parton at the time of his appointment here was fieldwork instructor, with the rank of sergeant-major, at the School of Military Engineering, Chatham, and had seen much service abroad and in the Zulu and Transvaal Wars, 1879-82, and in the Nile Expedition, 1884-85, receiving four medals. In the matter of rifle shooting Lieutenant Parton has been an enthusiast, and for the past nine years occupied the post of honorary treasurer to the affiliated rifle club.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—Dec. 23.

Victoria, s., 2069 tons, Captain W. Waller, from Wellington and ports. Passengers—Mesdames White, Pickering, Rhodes, Tuthill, Miller and child, Wayne, Young, Browning and 3 children, Misses Barclay, Rogers, M'Intyre, Barrie, Brown (2), Hall, Morse, and Carnell, and Sister of St. Joseph, Messrs. Waterston, Easton, Bayley, Stott, Whittingham, Cobb, White, Pickering (2), Captain Rhodes, Pearce (2), Stevens, Brennan, Tuthill, Jeffcott, Simson, Captain Popham, Loughnan, Rev. Wayne, Thurman, Hatfield, Whitehead, Witham, Cook, Browning, Greene, Shane, Nolan, Smith, Saddrel, Rundle, Robinson, and Polson, and 35 in the steerage. Huddart, Parker, and Co., agents.

Pacifique, 1806 tons, Captain Bourage, from Noumea. Passengers—Mr. Girard, Mr. Linton, Mr. Seloe, Mrs. Nicholl, Misses Nicholl (3), Mrs. and Miss Doer, Mr. Solomon, Mr. Esther, Mr. Brock, Mrs. Simoussin, Master Locking, Mr. Elkington, Mr. Carimo, Mr. Riman, Mr. Defferiere, Mrs. Huet and 3 children, Mr. Van Kenckium, Miss Corry, Mr. Byrome, Mr. Martin, and 12 in other classes, also 55 passengers in all classes for Marseilles. Bruder de Thuy, agent.

Idomeneus, s., 6764 tons, Captain Lewis, from Glasgow, via Adelaide and Melbourne. Gilchrist, Watt, and Sanderson, Limited, agents.

Newcastle, s., 1251 tons, Captain Thompson, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, agents.

Mararoa, s., 2598 tons, Captain R. E. Smith, from Newcastle. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Birksgate, s., 916 tons, Captain James Banks, from Fiji Islands. Passengers—Two Marist Brothers, Captain Carvosea, Mr. F. Gregory, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. F. French, and 2 in the steerage. Burns, Philp, and Co., agents.

Helen Denny, barque, 495 tons, Captain Holm, from Kaipara. Passengers—Mrs. Holm and 2 children. Union Box and P. C. Company, Limited, agents.

Electra, s., 400 tons, Captain A. Forbes, from Manning River. Passengers—50 in the saloon and 21 in the steerage. North Coast S. N. Company, agents.

Allowrie, s., 570 tons, Captain Fisher, from Bateman's Bay via Ulladulla. Illawarra S.N. Company, Limited, agents.

Anglian, s., 2158 tons, Captain G. F. Entwisle, from Hobart. Passengers—32 in the saloon and 10 in the steerage. Huddart, Parker, and Co., agents.

Defender, s., 200 tons, Captain W. B. Nelson, from Northern Rivers. North Coast S.N. Company, Limited, agents.

Nardoo, s., 1835 tons, Captain Butcher, from Port Pirie, via Melbourne. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.

City of Grafton, s., Captain W. Slater, from Richmond River. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Wyalong, s., 90 tons, Captain George, from Manning River. Langley Brothers, agents.

Coomonderry, s., 147 tons, Captain S. Canty, from Moruya. J. Aubin, agent.

Torgauten, s., 170 tons, Captain Ass, from Richmond River. B. M. Corrigan and Co., agents.

Buninyong, s., 2070 tons, Captain P. Snewin, from Newcastle. Howard Smith Company, agents.

Otago, bq., 345 tons, Captain Campbell, from Newcastle.

DEPARTURES.—Dec. 23.

Tainan, s., for China and Japan, via ports.
Konoowarra, s. for Queensland ports.
Wyandra, s., for Queensland ports.
Melbourne, s., for Melbourne, via Bellambi.
Era, s., for Melbourne, via Newcastle.
Anglian, s., for Hobart.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—Dec. 24.

Ville de la Ciotat, F.M.S., for Marseilles, via ports; Sophocles, s., for South Africa and London, via ports; Media, s., for London, Liverpool, and Capetown, via ports; Buninyong, s., for Melbourne and Adelaide; Mararoa, s., for Auckland and ports; Eureka, s., for Bellinger River; Electra, s., for Port Macquarie; Eureka, s., for Nambucca River; City of Grafton, s., for Richmond River; Newcastle Company's steamer, for Newcastle; Allowrie, s., for Eden and coast ports.

CLEARANCES.—Dec. 23.

Wyandra, s., 3970 tons, Captain Grahl, for Cooktown, via ports. Passengers—45 in the saloon and 35 in the steerage.

Konoowarra, s., 1260 tons, Captain G. Smith, for Queensland ports. Passengers—12 in the saloon and 15 in the second cabin.

Derwent, ship, 1830 tons, Captain H. Forbes, for London.

Melbourne, s., 1789 tons, Captain H. E. Hill, for Melbourne, via Bellambi, in ballast.

IMPORTS.—Dec. 23.

City of Grafton, s., from Richmond River: 6 bales millet, 22 bundles hides, 4 bundles skins, 250ft. boxwood, 3 bags skins, 6 bales wool, 7 cases eggs, 15 cases fruit, 21 cases bottles, 8 cases honey, 3 coops poultry, 1 horse, 11 hides, 30 boxes butter, 2 pigs, 1s sundries.

Victoria, s., from Wellington and ports: 2677 sacks oats, 382 sacks pollard, 110 sacks bran, 283 sacks crushed oats, 336 bales hemp, 29 sacks seed, 43 cases frozen fish, 33 casks tallow, 88 cases cheese, 21 bales hops, £3200 gold bullion, and general cargo.

Electra, s., from Manning River: 23 bags maize, 13 bags oysters, 8 bags seed, 85 bags potatoes, 8 cases honey, 1 calf, 74 cases eggs, 4 cases fruit, 5 cases fish, 30 coops and 80 boxes poultry, 15 hides and 2 bags hides, 272 boxes butter, 44 pigs, and sundries.

Allowrie, s., from Bateman's Bay and coast ports: 27 bales wool, 30 bags bark, 100 cheeses, 25 cases fish, 14 bags oysters, 21 pigs, 7 calves, and sundries.

Anglian, s., from Hobart: 974 cases fruit, 645 half-cases fruit, 3654 cases jam, 260 cases pulp, 204 cases desserts, 628 bags peas, 72 bales wool, 11 hogsheads ale, 1 case flowers, 1 case shells, 25 cases fruit pulp, and 12 cases sundries.

Nardoo, s., from Port Pirie: 4300 bags chaff, 8134 bags wheat, 20 bars lead, 633 tons concentrates, 1,300 sacks flour, 609 sheep, 50 cases stone, 25 cases nails, 30 boxes drugs, 40 bars iron, and 21 bars steel.

Birksgate, s., from Fiji: 13,760 bunches bananas, 5083 bags copra, 20 bags coconuts, 20 bags beche-de-mer, 72 cases fruit, 10 bags hides, and a quantity of sundries.

Helen Denny, bq., from Kaipara: 429,177 super feet white pine.

Pacifique, s., from Noumea: 328 bags copra, 1676 sacks cobalt, and 291 empties.

EXPORTS.—Dec. 23.

Derwent, sh., for London: 2954 bales wool, 7274 bags ore, 30 packages whisky, and 2258 pieces timber.

Custom-house.—Entered outwards: Dec. 23, Victoria, s., for Wellington and ports.

The ship Dalgonar will to-day be removed from Mort's Dock to Parbury's wharf.

The Otago, barque, a small vessel of 346 tons, arrived in ballast from Newcastle yesterday to be docked.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

THURSDAY ISLAND.—Dep.: Dec. 23, Maranoa, s., for Brisbane.

BOWEN.—Dep.: Dec. 23, Barcoo, s., for Brisbane.

FLATTOP.—Dep.: Dec. 23, Aramac, s., for Cooktown; Arawatta, s., for Brisbane.

ROCKHAMPTON.—Dep.: Dec. 23, Chillagoe, s., for Brisbane.

KEPPEL BAY.—Arr.: Dec. 22, Sussex, s., from Sydney.

BUNDABERG.—Dep.: Dec. 23, Eurimbla, s., for Rockhampton.

BRISBANE.—Arr.: Dec. 23, Leura, s., from Townsville. Dep.: Dec. 23, Tanglin, s., and Moira, s., for Sydney; Tyrian, s., for Townsville; Mildura, s., for Rockhampton; Lady Musgrave, s., for Clarence River; Burwah, s., for Rockhampton; Rockton, s., for Cairns.

BYRON BAY.—Dep.: Dec. 23, Dorrigo, s., at 7 p.m., for Sydney.

CLARENCE HEADS.—Arr.: Dec. 23, Onyx, bq., at 5.40 a.m., from Dunedin. Dep.: Kyogle, s., at 3.30 p.m., for Sydney.

WOOLGOOLGA.—Passed: Dec. 23, one of Adelaide Company's steamers at 1 p.m., south.

NAMBUCCA HEADS.—Passed: Dec. 23, Ramornie, s., at 5.30 p.m., north.

TRIAL BAY.—Dep.: Dec. 23, Burrawong, s., at 2.55 p.m.

SMOKY CAPE.—Passed: Dec. 23, Kallatina, s., at 5.55 p.m., north.

PORT MACQUARIE.—Dep.: Dec. 23, Trilby, s., at 4.30 a.m., for Sydney; Macleay, s., at 1.40 p.m., for Sydney; Hastings, s., at 1.25 p.m. Passed: Dec. 23, a large steamer with yellow funnel and black top at 5.30 p.m., north.

TACKING POINT.—Passed: Dec. 23, Innamincka, s., at 7 p.m., south; Burrawong, s., at 6.40 p.m., Cavanba, s., at 7.35 p.m., both north.

CROWDY HEADS.—Passed: Dec. 23, Hastings, s., at 4.30 p.m., Friendship, s., at 4.30 p.m., Macleay, s., at 4.30 p.m., all south.

MANNING HEADS.—Arr.: Dec. 23, Rosedale, s., at 1.15 p.m. Dep.: Dec. 23, John Gollan, tug, at noon, for Cape Hawke.

CAPE HAWKE.—Arr.: Dec. 23, John Gollan, s., at 2.30 p.m., from Manning River. Dep.: Dec. 23, Shannon, sch., at 4 a.m., for Sydney; Paris, sch., at 4.30 a.m., for Sydney; Commonwealth, s., at 1.45 p.m., for Sydney; Aledo, sch., at 2.45 p.m., for Newcastle; Stanley, sch., at 3.25 p.m., for Sydney.

SEAL ROCKS.—Passed: Dec. 23, Trilby, s., at 4.30 p.m., Commonwealth, s., at 5.10 p.m., both south.

PORT STEPHENS.—Dep.: Dec. 23, Federal, s., left bay at 9.40 a.m. Passed: Myall, sch., at 8.30 a.m., Shannon, sch., at 3.10 p.m., City of Grafton, s., at 3.45 p.m., Paris, sch., at 4.55 p.m., all south.

NEWCASTLE.—Arr.: Dec. 23, Moorabool, s., Tamar, s., St. George, s., Namoi, s., Cavanba, s., Helen Nicoll, s., Jones Brothers, sch., Jess, ktch., from Sydney; Kuiya, s., from Brisbane; Ramasan, s., from Melbourne; Era, s., from Melbourne; Indian, bq., from Table Bay; Alice, s., from Sydney. Dep.: Dec. 23, Kittawa, s., for Devonport, via Kembla; St. George, s., for Richmond River; Buninyong, s., for Melbourne; Mararoa, s., for Auckland, via Sydney; Glaucus, s., Easby, s., Norkoowa, s., for Melbourne; Bakanoa, s., for Suva; Salahadji, s., for Singapore; Cavanba, s., for Byron Bay; Dilkera, s., for Port Pirie and Adelaide, via Kembla; Fulda, German bq., for Mollendo; Helen Nicoll, s., for Catherine Hill Bay; Hannah Nicholson, sch., Lady Mabel, sch., Brunner, s., Beagle, s., Jones Brothers, sch., Wallsend, s., Namoi, s., for Sydney.

CATHERINE HILL BAY.—Arr.: Dec. 23, Hamm, s., at 5 a.m., from Sydney; Helen Nicoll, s., at noon, from Newcastle; Illaroo, s., at 5 p.m., from Sydney. Dep.: Hamm, s., at 9.30 a.m., for Sydney; Helen Nicoll, s., at 3.15 p.m., for Sydney.

BARRANJOEY.—Dep.: Narara, s., at 1.30 a.m.

SOUTH HEAD.—Passed: Dec. 23, Dilkera, s., at 12.35 p.m., south.

WOLLONGONG.—Arr.: Dec. 23, Sphene, s., at 4 a.m., Currajong, s., at 5 a.m., Herga, s., at 9.30 a.m., all from Sydney. Dep.: Currajong, s., at 2.15 p.m., for Sydney; Bunkaka, sch., at 11 a.m., for Jervis Bay; Herga, s., at 6 p.m., for South Bulli.

KIAMA.—Dep.: Dec. 23, Civility, s., at 4 a.m., for Sydney.

JERVIS BAY.—Passed: Dec. 23, Ouraka, s., at 11.10 a.m., north.

BERMAGUI.—Arr.: Dec. 23, Eden, s., at 9.30 a.m. Dep.: Eden, s., at 11 a.m., for Tathra.

MORUYA.—Arr.: Dec. 23, Murray, s., at 1.45 p.m., from Sydney.

GREEN CAPE.—Passed: Dec. 23, H.M.S. Lizard at 8.35 a.m., steamer, two red funnels and white band, at 12.20 p.m., steamer, yellow funnel, black top, at 4.15 p.m., all north.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: Dec. 23, steamer, two black funnels with red and white band, at 10 a.m., north; Wodonga, s., at noon; Lightning, yawl, at 1.20 p.m., both west.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY.—Outward: Dec. 23, Tarcoola, s., at 9.20 a.m.

GEELONG.—Dep.: Dec. 22, Gabo, s., at 6.50 a.m., for Sydney.

MELBOURNE.—Arr.: Dec. 23, Stentor, s., from Sydney; New Guinea, s., from Newcastle; Britannia, R.M.S., from London; Salamis, s., from Capetown; A. J. Hocken, s., from Natal; Gulf of Taranto, s., from Sydney. Dep.: Dec. 23, Grosser Kurfurst, G.M.S., Pilbarra, s., Allinga, s., and Gabo, s., all for Sydney; Orontes, R.M.S., for London; Kawatiri, s., for Strahan; Flora, s., for Devonport; Pateena, s., for Launceston; Battle Abbey, bq., for Newcastle; Clackmannanshire, sh., for Newcastle; Lochness, bq., for London.

HOBART.—Arr.: Dec. 23, H.M.S. Phoebe at 11.55 a.m., from Sydney. Dep.: Dec. 23, Oonah, s., at 5.5 p.m., for Sydney.

LOW HEAD.—Arr.: Dec. 23, Wareatea, s., at 4.45 p.m., from Melbourne; H.M.S. Torch at 5.30 p.m., from Sydney. Dep.: Dec. 23, Brier Holme, bq., at 9.5 a.m., for London; Coogee, s., at 7.15 p.m., for Melbourne.

DEVONPORT.—Arr.: Dec. 22, Koonookarra, s., at 7.30 p.m., from Melbourne.

BURNIE.—Arr.: Dec. 22, Koonookarra, s., at 3.30 p.m., from Melbourne, via Stanley.

ADELAIDE.—Arr.: Dec. 23, Heathdene, s., from Melbourne; Kalgoorlie, s., from Western Australia. Dep.: Dec. 23, Coolgardie, s., for Western Australia; Kalgoorlie, s., for Melbourne.

PORT PIRIE.—Dep.: Dec. 23, Age, s., for Sydney.

PORT LINCOLN.—Arr.: Dec. 23, H.M.S. Mildura at 2 p.m., from Adelaide.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

WELLINGTON.—Arr.: Dec. 23, Moeraki, s., from Sydney.

LYTTELTON.—Arr.: Dec. 23, C. Tobias, Nor. bq., from Newcastle.

BLUFF.—Dep.: Dec. 23, Warrimoo, s., for Hobart.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

LONDON, Tuesday.

ARRIVALS.

At London: Nineveh, s. (Aberdeen line), from Sydney, via Capetown (sailed Oct. 24); Hudson, bq., from Bunbury, Western Australia (sailed July 24); Gulf of Venice, s. (Gulf Line, Limited), from Sydney, via South African ports (sailed Sept. 30).

At Liverpool: Persic, s. (White Star line), from Sydney, via Capetown (sailed Oct. 25).

DEPARTURES.

For Melbourne: Brunel, bq., from Liverpool.
For Sydney: Suevic, s. (White Star line), from Liverpool.
For Fremantle: Orari, bq., from New York.
For Port Pirie: Peter Iredale, four-masted bq., from Maryport.
For Lyttelton: Waiwera, s. (Shaw, Savill, and Albion line), from London.

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METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Observatory, Tuesday.

Average rainfall for 43 years, 49·828.
Average for 44 years, January 1 to November 30, 47·107.
Rainfall from January 1 to date, 43·009.
Temperature.—Maximum, 80·9; minimum, 62·8.
Humidity.—At 9 a.m., 60°; at 3 p.m., 65°.

BAROMETER READINGS.

Carnarvon, 29·95; Gascoigne, 30·03; Perth, 30·08; Eucla, 29·91; Streaky Bay, 29·86; Adelaide, 29·84; Robe, 29·77; Portland, 29·76; Melbourne, 29·74; Wilson's Promontory, 29·87; Gabo Island, 29·79; Cape St. George, 29·77; Sydney, 29·89; Newcastle, 29·92; Port Macquarie, 29·99; Clarence Heads, 29·97; Brisbane, 29·94; Rockhampton, 29·95; Mackay, 29·93; Cooktown, 29·91.

SYNOPSIS AT 9 A.M.

New South Wales (for 24 hours ended 9 a.m.).—Fine, clear, and warm throughout.
Western Australia.—Fine and clear generally.
South Australia.—Cloudy in the south; clear in the north.
Victoria and Straits.—Fine and clear generally.
Queensland.—Fine and warm generally; scattered clouds on the coast.
Northern Australia.—Clear and warm throughout.
New Zealand.—Dull generally.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 8 p.m.

Tweed Heads, N.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Byron Bay, N.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Ballina, N.E., cloudy, sea smooth; Clarence Heads, N.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Woolgoolga, N.E., fresh, hazy, sea smooth; Bellinger Heads, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Nambucca Heads, N.E., light, fine, sea rough; Port Macquarie, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Manning Heads, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Seal Rocks, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Port Stephens, N.E., fresh, fine, sea moderate; Newcastle N.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Lake Macquarie Heads, N.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Catherine Hill Bay, N.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Barranjoey, N.E., light, fine, sea slight; South Head, N.E., moderate, fine, sea slight; Wollongong, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Kiama, N., light, fine, sea smooth; Crookhaven Heads, N.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, N.E., strong, fine, hazy, sea moderate; Ulladulla, calm, fine, sea smooth; Bateman's Bay, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Moruya, N.N.E., moderate, fine, sea smooth; Eden, N.E., light, cloudy, sea slight; Green Cape, N.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Gabo Island, N.N.E., fresh, cloudy, misty, sea slight.

FORECASTS AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—Fine and hot, a tendency for thunder; northerly winds, veering to S.—H. C. Russell.

South Australia.—Fine weather, cool along the south-coast line with light winds, warm away from the coast and hot in the far north; sea smooth.—C. Todd.

Victoria.—Fine, rising temperatures, light variable winds, isolated thunderstorms probable inland, slight sea.—P. Baracchi.

FORECASTS BY MR. WRAGGE.

New South Wales.—Fine and hot weather will continue throughout with low barometers; winds will be variable. The electric disturbance "Manger" operates over the southern half, and the monsoonal tongue "Paterson" over the northern portion.

Western Australia.—Fine weather with scattered clouds is expected to prevail over the major portion of this State, except in the far north and north-east, where light rain is probable under monsoonal influence.

Northern Territory and Central Australia.—Hot, with north and north-west winds and a tendency to thunder-showers.

South Australia.—Very hot over the northern half, and fine and somewhat cooler to the south; also fine with cloud and some showers in the far south-east. The disturbance "Manger" operates.

Queensland.—Still fine and hot throughout, with a slight tendency to isolated electric disturbance and little rain under the monsoonal tongue named "Paterson."

Victoria and Tasmania.—Hot and mostly fine generally, the only exception being fogs and a tendency to passing showers along the coasts under "Manger."

New Zealand.—Cloudy and unsettled with rain under the combined disturbances "Lamont" and "Tolmie."

Lord Howe and Norfolk Islands.—Fine and warm.

New Caledonia and adjacent Islands.—Still fine and hot, with south-easters.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR DECEMBER 24.

Sun rises at 4.42, sets at 7.7; Moon, 1.0 a.m., 1.51 p.m.; Mercury, 5.5 a.m., 7.41 p.m.; Venus, 5.8 a.m., 7.33 p.m.; Mars, 11.57 p.m., 11.57 a.m.; Jupiter, 8.16 a.m., 9.56 p.m.; Saturn, 6.42 a.m., 8.49 p.m.
New moon, December 30; full moon, January 14.
High water at Fort Denison, 4.0 a.m., 4.29 p.m.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, 5.30 p.m.
Victoria.—Overland, *5.30 and 7 p.m.
* Letters for Melbourne only will be accepted without late fee for the express from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m., if posted in the special box, which will be open for that purpose during the time stated.
Queensland.—Overland, †3.45 p.m.
† Letters for Queensland will be accepted without late fee for the northern express from 3.45 to 4.15 p.m., if posted in the special box, which will be open for that purpose during the time stated.
Eden.—Allowrie, 11 a.m.
Auckland, &c., N.Z. (direct).—Mararoa, 11 a.m.
Tahiti and Raratonga, from Auckland.—Ovalau, 11 a.m.
Noumea.—Tayo, noon.
Richmond River.—City of Grafton, 8 p.m.
Auckland, &c., N.Z.—Indraghiri, 4 p.m.
Port Macquarie.—Electra, 5 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Flinders, 7 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Wollowra, 9.30 p.m.
Adelaide, via Melbourne.—Buninyong, 9.30 p.m.
Samarai (British New Guinea), via Brisbane.—Wyandra, 9.30 p.m.
*United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius, via Adelaide.—G.M.S. Barbarossa, 9.30 p.m.
G.M.S. Barbarossa (letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Adelaide, 9.30 p.m.

THURSDAY.

No mails will be made up on Christmas Day.

FRIDAY.

Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Pateena, noon.
‡United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius, via Adelaide.—F.M.S. Ville de la Ciotat, noon.
F.M.S. Ville de la Ciotat (letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Adelaide, noon.
Strahan, Zeehan, and West Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Kawatiri, noon.

SATURDAY.

Tasmania.—Oonah, 10 a.m.
Byron Bay, Coff's Harbour, and Woolgoolga.—Dorrigo, 10 a.m.
Brisbane.—Peregrine, 11 a.m.
Wellington, &c., N.Z. (direct).—Victoria, 11 a.m.
Richmond River.—Tomki, 1 p.m.
Macleay River.—Burrawong, 4 p.m.
Clarence River.—Kyogle, 8 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Australian, 9.30 p.m.
‡Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Gabo, 9.30 p.m.
Cooktown, Thursday Island, British New Guinea, and Gulf ports, via Brisbane.—Maranoa, 9.30 p.m.

MONDAY.

Auckland, &c., N.Z., Navigators' Islands, Fanning Island, Honolulu, United States of America, Canada, Central America, West Indies, United Kingdom, and Continent of Europe.—Oceanic steamship Ventura, 11 a.m., except for letters placed in the foreign receiver, G.P.O., which may be posted for inclusion in the mail up to 11.30 a.m. without late fee.
‡Chili and Peru, via San Francisco.—Oceanic steamship Ventura, 11 a.m.
Eden.—Allowrie, 1 p.m.
Manning River.—Electra, 1 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Coogee, 5.30 p.m.
Capetown, via Melbourne.—Medic, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY.

Launceston and North-west Coast of Tasmania, via Eden.—Wakatipu, 9 a.m.
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The Sydney Morning Herald.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1902.

Fear of unknown embarrassment in the future is giving rise to hesitation at Washington as to whether President Roosevelt should act as arbitrator in the Venezuelan dispute.

It is hinted that the Emperor William suggested the United States President as arbitrator in the belief that Venezuela would be more likely to accept his award than any other.

The blockade of Venezuelan ports was commenced on Saturday night by H.M. ships Indefatigable, Alert, Tribune, Columbine, and Rocket.

British seamen who were on board the steamer Topaze, captured by Venezuelan soldiers, were dragged ashore in a semi-nude state at midnight.

They were then prodded with bayonets, and imprisoned in a filthy room.

It is announced in the St. Petersburg press that the primary object of the Russo-French alliance is to enable two fleets to dispute British sea supremacy in time of war.

Should France desire to restrict her fleet to the French coast, however, it is considered that the alliance will prove futile.

Italian finances as disclosed by the budget show a surplus of £1,300,000. For 1903 the balance is estimated at £640,000.

Wine production for the year in France totals about 880,000,000 gallons.

Levanter, the horse which ran second in the Clewer Handicap Steeplechase Plate, Windsor, England, is a well-known performer in New Zealand and Sydney.

Commandant Barend Celliers has been committed for trial at Kroonstad on a charge of murdering a British officer, who, after being captured and tried by court martial, was acquitted.

Celliers, who admits the crime, asserts that he acted on orders received from General Botha.

It is announced that the King of Belgium has been granted a large tract of Chinese territory near the German possession of Kiao-Chau.

The death is announced of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Sir Richard Cartwright, Acting-Premier of Canada, in a wireless congratulatory message to the people of Great Britain, proclaims Marconi's accomplishment to be the greatest feat of modern science.

King Edward expresses delight with the Marconi invention, and has congratulated the principal on his achievement in telegraphing from Canada to England.

The Earl of Dunraven has been elected chairman of the conference to be held at Dublin between representatives of Irish landlords and tenants.

Posing as honourable victims of private vengeance and political passions, the Humberts and the d'Aurignacs inveigh against the Jewish money-lenders and the French Government.

The Dean of Winchester has died from the effects of eating contaminated oysters at the Mayoral banquet. Two of the other guests have succumbed from the same cause.

When sentencing prisoners concerned in the Bank of England notes forgery case, Mr. Justice Darling said that it was time Great Britain ceased harbouring without question disreputable foreigners.

The Board of Trade has declined to settle the strike at Lord Penrhyn's slate quarries by the assistance of the Conciliation Act.

Declining her father's advice to forgive her husband for an intrigue with an actress at the Dresden Court Theatre, the Crown Princess Louise of Saxony has declared that she will never return to the Crown Prince or her parents.

The State Treasurer has replied at considerable length to the charges of unjustifiable borrowing and extravagant administration made in Parliament against the Government by Mr. James Ashton.

In response to a request by the Archbishop of Sydney to the Governor the Executive Council yesterday proclaimed that Sunday next should be set apart for prayer and thanksgiving for the recent bountiful rains.

Speaking at Berry on Monday Mr. Kidd, Minister for Agriculture, said that nothing beneficial would have been accomplished by the remission of the fodder duties by the State.

He stated that the prospect was now a bright one, and that the price of bread would fall before next winter.

The Queensland Government is not favourably disposed to the transcontinental railway to Western Australia. It is considered that the cost should not be a Commonwealth one.

Water has commenced to flow through the line of pipes laid to carry a supply to Coolgardie.

At the thirty-fourth annual meeting of the New South Wales Teachers' Mutual Assurance Association held yesterday it was shown that the finances were in a sound condition.

A goods train from Wagga ran into a stationary train at the Junee railway yards yesterday. Four trucks were derailed, and considerable damage done.

Mr. Wragge prophesies fine hot weather throughout the State.

"Major" Taylor, the cycling champion, now in Sydney, was welcomed by the Lord Mayor at the Town Hall yesterday.

On Monday thieves entered the premises of Mr. A. Belman, of Kalgoorlie, and removed jewellery to the value of £800.

Mr. Belman was absent at lunch when the robbery was committed, and although the loss was immediately discovered no clue to the robbers has been obtained.

An affray between a Malay and a number of Chinamen at Perth on Monday resulted in three of the latter being injured.

The Malay was arrested after a chase through the streets. He admitted injuring the Chinese.

During the recess most of the State Ministers will visit their constituencies and deliver addresses. Sir John See is to speak at Grafton, and Mr. Waddell at Cowra and Carcoar.

The Registrar in Arbitration has refused an application by the United Labourers' Protective Society for the cancellation of the registration of the Builders Labourers' Union.

After a very successful meeting the annual rifle meeting of the Public schools cadet force was concluded yesterday. The shooting throughout was good.

Twenty thousand bushels of seed barley will have to be imported into Queensland for the coming season. The Government is asked to purchase the barley.

Mr. Drake states that the disparity in the various State telephone rates is so great that their equalisation would entail much trouble.

The cricket match at Adelaide between New South Wales and South Australia was won by the visitors by 210 runs.

Mr. John Healey, a farmer of the Bega district, was thrown from a coach yesterday and killed.

At the time of the accident Mr. Healey was driving a pair of horses, one of which was attacked by a bot fly. The animals became unmanageable and bolted, overturning the vehicle.

A memorial lamp to Trooper James Mason, who was killed whilst serving in South Africa, was unveiled at Deniliquin last night.

Sir Edmund Barton has directed that all work in the Postal Department should be minimised as much as possible on Christmas Day.

The number of deaths which have resulted from children's flannelette clothing catching fire was commented upon by a coroner at Goulburn on Monday. He thought that the use of the material should be restricted.

The Victoria, a new steamer of Messrs. Huddart, Parker, and Company's fleet, designed and built for the passenger and cargo trade between Australia and New Zealand, made her first entrance to Sydney Harbour yesterday.

Janie Irene Smith, a little girl who lived with her parents at Ashfield, was the victim of a brutal assault in Ramsay's Bush yesterday.

When found the child was terribly mutilated, and she died a few hours after admission to the Lewisham Hospital. An arrest has been made.

The results of the recent Sydney University examinations were posted yesterday.

Business in the Mining market yesterday was quiet, transactions being chiefly in Queensland gold companies at steady prices. Silver stocks were a shade firmer.

In the Import market wholesale business for the year has practically ceased.

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A RAILWAY SUPERANNUATION FUND.

There has been renewed discussion of late among the railway men in different branches of the service regarding the advisableness of establishing a fund for the benefit of those of their number who have from time to time to retire by reason of age, or who may be disabled by illness or accident. It is not a new proposition. The Railway Commissioners had it under consideration years ago, but their plan was felt to be open to certain objections. Recently the question has been brought prominently forward again, and at a meeting of representatives of different branches of the service the other day it was more formally gone into. Looking at the matter in the rough, there is much to be said in favour of creating some such fund, so that those who work our railways may have some tangible provision to look forward to in the event of death or disablement. It is to the interest of the service and of the public that there should be something of the kind, and though it may be argued in this case, as in others, that State employees who have a regular and fixed emolument ought to be able to provide for themselves by savings and insurance, or through the friendly societies or otherwise, there is no reason why their employer the State should not help them to do this. In the case of the Civil servants generally this is done, or sought to be done, by the Superannuation Fund, and what the railway men now ask is that they should enjoy the benefit of some such scheme, to relieve the existing situation from its present indeterminateness.

Before embarking on any new experiments in this direction, however, it is necessary to consider them carefully. We have the Civil Service Fund as a guide, and we know what has happened in regard to it. That fund had fallen into such a state that the Government has to come to the rescue. The Treasurer in his financial statement in September last, recognising the difficulties surrounding the equitable working of that fund in its present condition, stated that it was found on inquiry that the simplest, cheapest, and wisest way of dealing with the matter would be to pay the deficiency between the liabilities and assets of the fund out of consolidated revenue from year to year. But we do not want to see the State saddled with a similar responsibility in the case of the railway men. The mistakes of the other fund must not be repeated. In that case subscription by the Civil servants was compulsory, the fund was weighted from the beginning by the claims made upon it by beneficiaries advanced in years, and it was unduly drawn upon to meet the compensatory expenses of retrenchment a few years ago. The consequence was as might have been expected, and as a recent report of the Public Service Board put it the Civil servants paid in over a million sterling including interest, only to find that those who had paid longest and most have had their money absorbed by those who had contributed least. This is clearly a state of things which the railway men will have to avoid, and yet some part of the risk is inseparable from any superannuation scheme. Payment must begin somewhere, and it must begin with the oldest, who will have paid least and for the shortest time. At the meeting the other night it was stated as one of the reasons for such a fund that many railway and tramway officers and men who had served the State diligently and faithfully for years felt the day was approaching when they would retire from the service.

These demands incidental to the early stages of such a scheme are not an argument against the fund itself. If the younger men of to-day appear to have to pay for the older men, those who come after will do the same service for them in their turn, and so on, and for so long as the fund may continue. Pressure of this nature must be taken into account, and after all it is but a matter of everyday actuarial calculation. It is the evil of miscalculation or want of foresight that must be guarded against. As will have been noticed, the railway men are thinking of avoiding this and other risks by modelling their scheme on that of New Zealand. One of its first provisions is a sliding scale for contributions. Those who will claim the benefit of the fund earliest will contribute from 4 to 10 per cent., according to age, until a balance is struck, while each member not over 30 at date of joining will pay 3 per cent. of the salary or wages he earns. The alternative course, sometimes open to elderly contributors under other schemes, is to buy additional years of membership, but this presents grave inconveniences to many. Judicious administration of such a fund by responsible and qualified persons is necessary to ensure its solvency. In New Zealand this is secured by the appointment of a controlling board, of which the Minister for Railways, the Solicitor-General, the public trustee, and the general manager of the railways must always be members, together with five others elected by contributors. Pensions are payable after 40 years' service, or 35 in special cases, or at the age of 60, or on retirement on the ground of medical unfitness by direction of the Minister, and provision is made for refund with interest on voluntary retirement, or refund without interest in the event of dismissal. Certain provisions are also made in case of the death of a contributor. This is the scheme, roughly stated, which our railway men appear to favour. It embodies the principle of self-help, as will be seen, since the officers and men provide the assets of the fund, while at the same time it is so constructed as to give encouragement to good and faithful work in all grades of the service.

THE NEW ENGLISH EDUCATION ACT.

In dealing with an urgent national question the Government can seldom afford to follow counsels of perfection. Still less can it afford to commit itself to the views of extremists in either direction. The result is certain to be a measure that is in some respects admittedly imperfect and is lacking in symmetry and completeness, and one that fails to give satisfaction to the more vehement partisans on both sides. Although there may be a difference of opinion as to whether the Home Government were well advised in selecting the time they chose for pushing through the Education Bill, there can be no doubt as to the urgency of the need for dealing with the subject. In the matter of national education England has lagged behind. For this she is already suffering, and is likely to suffer still more as international competition becomes keener. The merit of the new measure is that it deals with education as a whole, which the Act of 1870 could not do, and that it makes an attempt to place religious education on an equality. The educationist who recognises the gravity of the situation will regard it as a matter for congratulation rather than regret that the Government brought in the Education Bill, made it a vital question on which they were prepared to stand or fall, and made full use of the sessional orders, which have since been converted into standing orders, for getting the bill through in the special autumn session. They had to deal with the state of things already existing, and to work with the tools which they found at hand. More than half of the education is supplied by the voluntary, which are of course almost entirely denominational, schools, and the premises belonging to the voluntary organisations are estimated to be worth from twenty-six to thirty millions. The voluntary schools are spread over the whole of England and Wales, but the School Board system has been established in about two-thirds of the country only. It is clear, therefore, that it would have been too Herculean a task at present to abolish the voluntary schools by absorbing them in a general system, for apart from the cost involved the dislocation that would follow would create almost endless difficulties.

The fairest way of judging of the merits of the new measure is by approaching it from the standpoint of the educational expert, and of the admitted need for an advance upon the methods inaugurated by Mr. Forster's Act more than a generation since. It does what would have been impossible in 1870. It places education under local control, whereas in 1870 local government in the sense in which it is now enjoyed and understood in England was practically unknown. It abolishes the plural vote, and it goes a long way towards standardising teaching. The chief ground of opposition to the measure on the part of the Nonconformists is that the price for the advantages of the voluntary schools is too great. The local rates, so far as they go to the voluntary schools, are, it is maintained, virtually a subsidy for religious teaching, because the managers of the school would under it have complete control of that branch of the teaching, and in many cases it would mean that the local clergyman would be paramount. This objection was met in part by an amendment, in which the Government concurred, that the religious instruction shall be given in schools not provided by the local authority in accordance with the tenor of the provisions of the trust deed relating thereto, and shall be under the control of the managers. The effect of this is to give the lay managers some control over the religious teaching. This was strongly objected to by Lord Hugh Cecil, and his objection was endorsed by the Bishop of London and many of the high dignitaries of the Church of England. It did not remove the Nonconformist objection that the foundation managers of voluntary schools would still be the predominant partners, nor, of course, did it touch other objections. From the standpoint of the educational expert there are details which do not neutralise the undoubted advance made by the measure. It places the voluntary and the board schools under local control with the qualifications just referred to. It will help to harmonise the system of secular instruction; it provides means for preventing the overlapping of educational facilities; and it will give the county and parish councils a direct interest in education in their respective districts. This is certainly no slight gain, and when regarded apart from denominational sympathies and antipathies is a legitimate cause for congratulation. It will be noticed that the Bishop of Hereford, who has taken a lively interest in the measure, proposed in the House of Lords to reduce the foundation managers of the voluntary schools to two, but the amendment was rejected.

Another way of testing the merits of the measure is to ask what would have happened if the opposition to it had been successful. We all know how it frequently happens if a bill is not pressed forward when there is an opportunity for going on with it a long interval elapses before another favourable occasion arises. If Lord Rosebery, Sir Campbell-Bannerman, Sir William Harcourt, and the members of both sections of the Liberal party had defeated the bill, what prospect was there of their carrying an Education Bill for some years to come? A bill introduced by a Liberal Ministry on the lines indicated by the Opposition would have very little chance of being carried. The strong opposition amongst members of his own party to Mr. Balfour's acceptance of the amendment giving the lay managers of voluntary schools a control over the religious teaching, the extreme dissatisfaction of many of the Unionist members with Mr. Balfour's acceptance of Bishop Moorhouse's amendment making the local authorities responsible for the wear and tear of the premises in which the voluntary schools are held, were indications of the hostile and powerful influence that would be aroused if a proposal were made to establish a general School Board system, and to absorb the voluntary schools, or withdraw all Government aid from them. As to the proposal that the Nonconformists should refuse to pay the rates levied by the local authorities, and in which the voluntary schools are to share, it is difficult to see how such a course can be justified. For the last thirty years under Mr. Forster's Act the Church of England and other voluntary schools have been subsidised out of the public funds. At present about two-thirds of their cost is met out of the general revenue; and it seems late in the day for anyone to pose as a martyr when called upon to pay a rate, while at the same time he has virtually assented to the appropriation of a tax for a purpose similar to that to which the rate is to be devoted. It cannot be pretended that the new Act is free from blemishes; but it would be unfair to judge it by the Australian standard, seeing that here the ground was comparatively clear for establishing a general system of national education, whereas in England much of it was already occupied and strong vested interests had been created. The bill, which has now finally passed, is not free from defects; but from an educational point of view it must be regarded as a step in advance. Whether the new system will work smoothly will largely depend upon the manner in which its provisions are administered.

ARCHBISHOP TEMPLE.

The strenuous life of Archbishop Temple, whose death we announce this morning, may be said to have ended in the active discharge of duty. His last public appearance was in the House of Lords, when, in the course of a

strong speech in favour of the Education Bill then under consideration, he collapsed and had to be carried away by sympathising friends. Possibly few great ecclesiastics have had a stranger career than that which the late Archbishop conducted to a characteristic end. From the time that he left Oxford, with his brilliant record of first-class in classics and mathematics, to the day he delivered his last speech in the House of Lords, Dr. Temple filled high places by the force of his ability and in the teeth of opposition. He was a great schoolmaster on the lines laid down by Arnold of Rugby, and he had an opportunity of showing his worth in this respect when he succeeded to the headmastership of that great school. The boys did not personally like the hard, cold man who was appointed to succeed Arnold's successors, but they admitted his good qualities. He lived in a time of trouble in the Anglican Church, when, closely following upon the Tractarian movement, came the counter-irritant that found expression in "Essays and Reviews." Dr. Temple was a contributor to this publication, which gave offence to many members of the Church of England, and—though he expressly disclaimed responsibility for any other views than those which appeared over his signature—this feeling found expression when he was appointed to the Bishopric of Exeter. Possibly no appointment could have been less popular at the time, and yet to-day, now that the disputes of the moment have been forgotten, the wisdom of the preferment cannot be questioned. As bishop, Dr. Temple displayed during his sixteen years' work at Exeter and his eleven years' work at London powers of adaptability with regard to matters of minor importance which could hardly have been expected from his previous record. At the time of his death he had held episcopal office in the Church of England for a generation, and during those thirty-three years he showed himself to be liberal beyond expectation; a firm believer in the mission of the Church of which he was an overseer, but with a mind free to receive impressions from fellow-countrymen who belonged to other branches of the Christian communion. The sense of justice which had marked his career as headmaster of Rugby was present with him all his days. In many senses of the word he was a great bishop and an able helmsman of the Church in troublous weather. The Church of England has suffered a great loss in the removal of an archbishop who thought little of what men said of him so long as he did what he believed to be just and right.

TRAM SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT.

The work of tramway extension and of the development of our means of transit and communication by this agency goes on apace. The latest addition was the opening of a small line, not many chains in length, but forming an important connection, and likely to serve the convenience of a great many people. It has been remarked for some time that while the citizen can reach the Circular Quay from the railway station or any of the western suburbs by direct tram, the passenger from the eastern suburbs has to break his journey at Bent or Bridge streets, and perform the rest of his journey on foot. In view of the large part the harbour plays in the recreation and service of the people, and the great numbers who travel thereto from the eastern suburbs, this disclosed an evident want to be supplied. Then if we take the case of the thousands of persons who cross by ferry to the Circular Quay daily, it is apparent that while a certain proportion may desire to proceed to the eastern suburbs a still greater number may wish to reach those portions of the city which lie east of Pitt or Castlereagh streets. There have been no tram conveniences for this up to the present, and the ascent is one of the most difficult in the city. The only way to escape this alternative has been to take the Pitt-street tram to King-street, and there exchange for the cable tram. The new connection saves all this. The passenger to the Circular Quay may take the tram up Phillip-street, and so on to any part of the eastern side of the city he may wish to reach. The new extension will prove a boon to thousands from both points of view, and notwithstanding its short length its usefulness will be as much appreciated as that of many more costly connections.

The "Sydney Mail."—In the current number of the "Sydney Mail" issued to-day there is a varied assortment of illustrations and literary matter to suit all palates. Snapshots at the Queensland Turf Club meeting will specially interest sporting men, and pigeon fanciers will admire the photograph of Mr. J. Ward's homing pigeon, which made a "record" flight from Ararat, Victoria, to Sydney. To the general reader and the agriculturist there is much of interest, ranging from the visiting Boer farmers and sheep-shearing scenes in Natal to Mr. Philip Charley's new stud importations of thoroughbred horses and cattle. One of the homes being carved by Australians out of the New Hebridean jungle is also shown. "A day at the Clyde Engineering Works" is an illustrated description of one of the great industries of the State. Four pretty views show the famous Melbourne rowing course on the Yarra. Street flower-sellers, Zimmerman's fire escape, Christmas trees at the Town Hall, Queen Victoria Homes for Consumptives, a Japanese fete at Bowral, the new building for outdoor patients and the convalescent cottage of the Sydney Hospital for Sick Children—are all subjects of illustration. Portraits include Commodore the Hon. Robert Montgomerie in charge of the British blockade of Venezuela, the late Captain Rowntree, Fisk Jubilee singers, &c.

Vice-regal News.—His Excellency Sir Harry H. Rawson, together with Lady Rawson and Miss Rawson, will attend the A.J.C. race meeting which is to be held at Randwick on Friday. During the first week in January the vice-regal party will leave for the State Governor's country residence at Moss Vale, and will remain there for some weeks.

Dinner Party at State Government House.—A dinner party was given by his Excellency the Governor and Lady Rawson at State Government House, Rose Bay, on Monday evening. The following were invited:—Commander Macalister, R.N. (H.M.S. Torch), Mr. and Mrs. Walter Allen, Kapitan-leutnant and Frau Seiforling, Mr. E. Trelawny, Ober-leutnant Zur See Willing, Mr. W. H. Watt, Mr. Talbot, Mr. Boddam-Whetham, Mr. C. N. Lancaster, Miss Rawson, Major Holman, A.D.C., Mr. Robertson Clark, acting private secretary.

Ministerial Visits.—It is the intention of the Premier to pay a visit to his electorate next March. He will visit the leading towns therein, and will take advantage of the opportunity to address his constituents in regard to the work of the session just concluded, and the intentions of the Government with regard to next year's session. The Treasurer has arranged to visit his electorate shortly after the commencement of the new year. He will address the electors at Cowra, Carcoar, and other places. Mr. Waddell intends to deal at some length with the critics of the finances of the Government, in order to show that the charge of extravagance and unjustifiable borrowing is unfounded.

Attorney General's Ministerial Duties.—It has been arranged that during the absence of the Attorney-General, Mr. B. R. Wise, on a trip to the west, the Ministerial duties of his office will be performed by Mr. W. P. Crick, Minister for Lands. Those duties which are by law cast upon the Attorney-General will be discharged by the Solicitor-General, Mr. Hugh Pollock.

The Pacific Cable.—When the Pacific cable was completed and opened for traffic on November 1 Sir John See sent a cable message to the Agent-General (Mr. Copeland) desiring him to convey his (the Premier's) hearty congratulations to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the completion of such an important additional link between Australia and Great Britain. Mr. Copeland carried out the Premier's request, and has received the following reply from Mr. Chamberlain's private secretary:—"Downing-street, November 4, 1902. Sir,—I am directed by Mr. Secretary Chamberlain to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 1, enclosing a copy of a telegram from the Premier of New South Wales on the subject of the completion of the Pacific cable. 2. I am, in reply, to request that you will convey to the Premier Mr. Chamberlain's heartiest thanks for his congratulations, and inform him that Mr. Chamberlain entirely shares his views as to the importance of this great Imperial enterprise."

Construction of Streets.—In the course of an interview which took place yesterday between the Minister for Works, Messrs. E. M. Clark and Quirk, Ms.L.A., and several aldermen and residents of North Sydney, the Minister was urged to undertake the construction of Bent-street and Hampden-road. It was represented that if the thoroughfares in question were made they would constitute an alternative route for the traffic which now passes along the military road, besides which they would relieve the heavy traffic on Ridge-street. The Minister, in reply, said he had no funds at his disposal to carry out such a work. It was estimated that it would cost between £4000 and £5000 to complete it thoroughly, although the portion that was most urgently required could be done for about £900. He considered the work was a purely municipal one, and suggested that as the share of the municipality from the Government endowment of 2s 6d in the £ would amount to about £1200, the people of North Sydney should undertake the work themselves.

Gold for China.—Seven boxes of gold, containing £49,356, were shipped by the China Navigation Company's steamer Tsinan, which sailed yesterday for China and Japan.

Naval News.—H.M.S. Phœbe arrived at Hobart from Sydney at noon yesterday, and H.M.S. Torch, also from Sydney, arrived at Launceston at 5.30 p.m. H.M.S. Mildura, which sailed from Adelaide on Monday evening, arrived at Port Lincoln at 1 p.m. yesterday. She will remain there until after the Christmas holidays, and will then leave on a visit to Western Australia. H.M.S. Lizard left Melbourne on Sunday evening for the regulation practice with the heavy guns at sea, and she passed Green Cape at 8.35 a.m. yesterday. H.M.S. Pylades and H.M.S. Sparrow are still at Melbourne, and H.M.S. Dart is on the way from Sydney to Hobart.

The Mails.—The mails which left Sydney by the R.M.S. Oceana on November 18 arrived in London on the 20th instant, one day in advance of contract time. The mails which left Sydney by the R.M.S. Sierra on November 17 arrived in London on the 20th instant. They were due on the 19th instant.

San Francisco Mail Service.—A cable was yesterday received by Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited (managing agents for the Oceanic S.S. Company's A. and A. line), advising the departure of the R.M.S. Sierra, from San Francisco, on the afternoon of Friday last. The Sierra should have left on Thursday morning, but was delayed awaiting the arrival of the British mails. She is due to pass through Honolulu on December 26, Samoa January 2, and Auckland January 8, and should reach Sydney on January 12. In connection with the same line a cable has been received announcing that the R.M.S. Sonoma called at Fanning Island (where the Pacific cable station is established) on Sunday last, well up to time, and subsequently continued her voyage to Honolulu and San Francisco, being due to reach the latter port on Monday next.

Sailing of the Medic.—The last White Star liner for 1902 sails to-day at 4 p.m. punctually from No. 1 berth at Woolloomooloo for Capetown, Teneriffe, Plymouth, and London. As travellers do not like sailing at this time of the year, and spend their Christmas holidays at sea, passengers are not so numerous as usual, but a fair number has been booked. The wool by the Medic is 9650 bales, besides which there are 728 tons of concentrates, 92 tons of alunite, 250 bales of leather and basils, 240 bags of skins, 6000 hides, 100 bales of dry hides, 175 casks of tallow, 2184 bars of lead, 3371 sacks of copra, 854 packages of kauri gum, 3034 sacks of cobalt ore, 145 cases of pearl-shell, &c. The Medic is timed to sail from Melbourne on the 31st instant, after loading a large quantity of wool and other cargo, as well as embarking upwards of 100 passengers.

Departure of the Sophocles.—From Dalgety's Wharf at Miller's Point the Sophocles will be dispatched at noon promptly to-day by the Aberdeen line agents (Messrs. Dalgety and Co.). The passenger list on this occasion is smaller than usual, owing no doubt to the fact that the steamer is sailing immediately before the holidays. Among the principal lines of cargo loaded on behalf of regular shippers who support the three-weekly service of the Aberdeen line are 2063 bales of wool, 7200 bars of bullion, 3233 ingots of copper, 2200 ingots of tin, 400 bags of copper ore, 650 cases of oranges, 1070 boxes of butter, 120 carcases of veal, 277 crates of frozen sundries, &c. The Sophocles calls at Melbourne and Albany, taking further passengers and cargo from both ports. She touches as usual at Durban, Capetown, and Teneriffe.

At St. Andrew's Cathedral Christmas services will be held as follow:—There will be a carol service at 7.30 p.m. to-night (Christmas Eve), which will be interspersed with organ solos by Mr. Massey (the Cathedral Organist). Holy Communion will be administered on Christmas Day at 7, 8, and 11 o'clock. At the 11 o'clock service the sermon will be preached by Archdeacon Bartlett. On Christmas Day evensong, with carols, will be sung at 7.30 p.m.

A bazaar in aid of the Children's Hospital, Glebe, was held at Cuthbert, Albion-street, Randwick, yesterday afternoon and evening. There was a good attendance at the opening ceremony, which was performed by Alderman George Gale (Mayor of Randwick). The stalls comprised fancy goods, sweets, toys, and refreshments.

Mr. F. W. Walker, of 36 Castlereagh-street, Sydney, has been appointed by the Chief Justice and other Judges of the Supreme Court of the Transvaal, South Africa, a Commissioner of the Supreme Court of the Transvaal for taking affidavits &c. in this State.

We have received parts 5, 6, and 7 of the New Zealand census returns, dealing with the conjugal condition and education of the people, and sickness and infirmity.

Mr. Samuel E. Lees, of Clarence-street, sends a copy of his "visible calendar" for 1903. The Alliance Assurance Company and the North Queensland Insurance Company, Limited, also send copies of their calendars for next year.

We are requested by the proprietor of Tattersall's Hotel to draw attention to an advertisement in another column with regard to "Adams's Tasmanian ales."

The committee elected for the Manly branch of the Women's Political Association at the public meeting for women held on Monday was as follow:—Mesdames Sadler, Douglass, Maitland, Treatt, Gordon, Fletcher, Day, and Allworth.

Our business columns announce that Messrs. R. F. Murphy and Co. will sell to-day by auction a very prime collection of dressed poultry.

The R.A.A. Band will perform in the Botanic Gardens this afternoon, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

FATAL DRIVING ACCIDENT.

A FARMER KILLED.

BEGA, Tuesday.

A serious accident with fatal results happened today. Mr. John Healey, a farmer, and a very old resident of Bega, went to Tathra to meet his daughter, who arrived from Sydney by the steamer Eden. Mr. Healey was driving a pair of horses in a covered coach, the occupants being Mrs. Healey, Mrs. Moses Smith, and two children, and Miss Lottie Healey.

After passing over the top of Russell's Hill, and when travelling down the western side, a botfly attached itself to one of the horses, which bolted. When nearly half way down the hill the coach capsized. Mr. Healey was injured badly about the head by the coach falling on top of him. Mrs. Healey and the others were bruised, but otherwise not seriously injured. A passenger by another coach named Frank Geelan galloped to Bega on one of the coach horses for a doctor. In the meantime Mr. Healey was conveyed to his home, but he expired at 6.30 p.m. The accident, which happened at about 3 p.m., cast a gloom over the town and district. Mr. Healey was a resident of 40 years.

TRAINS IN COLLISION.

JUNEE, Tuesday.

A goods train from Wagga ran into a stationary train at the local yards this morning. The collision knocked four trucks off the line and did a lot of damage. The way was blocked for a long time.

TO-DAY.

Kensington Races: First event 2.15 p.m.
Dedication Service: St. Anne's Church of England, Strathfield and Homebush, 8 p.m.
Gas Cookery Lecture: Australian Gaslight Company's Showroom, Haymarket, 3 p.m.
Manly Esplanade: Open-air Entertainment, 8.30 p.m.
Organ Recital: Town Hall, 8 p.m.
The Mutoscope: 200 George-street and 74 Oxford-street, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Cyclorama: "Battle of Gettysburg," Illusions and Cinematographe, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Lyceum Theatre: The White Heather," 8 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre: New Vaudeville Company, 8 p.m.
Theatre Royal: "A Chinese Honeymoon," 2 and 8 p.m.

SECOND EDITION

SILVER.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 1s 10 5-16d per ounce standard.

THE UNLEY SENSATION.

ACCUSED BEFORE THE POLICE COURT.

ADELAIDE, Tuesday.

The three men—Osborn, Everest, and Williams—who caused the sensation at Unley on Saturday night were charged at the Adelaide Police Court today with having uttered counterfeit coins made to resemble half-crowns. They were remanded until February 6, when other charges will be preferred against them, and when Osborn will be accused of shooting Constable Murphy with intent to murder.

INTER-STATE CRICKET.

THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN TEAM.

ADELAIDE, Tuesday.

The team of South Australian cricketers for the eastern trip has been agreed upon. Giffen, Dickenson, and Leak were in the original twelve, but could not get away, and Hewer and Jennings, stylish young batsmen of the East Adelaide Club, filled the vacancies. The team will be as follows:—Hill, Jones, Reedman, Hack, Claxton, Travers, Kirkwood, Newland, Gehrs, Waters, C. B. Jennings, and Hewer. R. F. C. Sullivan will be in charge of the party, and E. J. Harvey will be umpire. The team leaves Adelaide on Monday next, and will play a two days' match at Bathurst against a local team.

COMMONWEALTH NOTES.

IMPROVEMENT OF THE CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce to-day a letter was read from Mr. Kingston asking the chamber if it desired to add to its suggestions already made for the improvement of Customs regulations or bylaws, and stating that he would be happy to receive such suggestions before February 1.

ALLEGED PREFERENCE TO SUGAR MANUFACTURERS.

A letter was read from the Federal Premier in reply to one from the Chamber of Commerce at the meeting of the chamber to-day in connection with charges made by the Colonial Sugar Refining Company against the administration of the Customs Department with respect to the preference granted to certain sugar manufacturers in Queensland when the federal tariff was imposed. It was decided that a further letter be sent to the Federal Premier urging him to appoint an independent tribunal to inquire into the allegations of the Colonial Sugar Refining Company, and pointing out that to leave the matter where it is must tend to create a feeling of want of confidence on the part of the commercial community in the impartial administration of the Customs laws.

PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATIONS.

The regulations under the Commonwealth Public Service Act (which are to come into operation by proclamation on January 1) having received the approval of the Governor-General, will be gazetted this week. The preparation of regulations has evidently been a work of considerable magnitude, and the varied and complex conditions of different States' services have necessitated the exercise of the utmost care and judgment in studying and adapting to the requirements of the Commonwealth the regulations of the State, as well as in framing entirely new regulations bearing specially upon matters included in the Commonwealth Public Service Act. The index to be published with the regulations is of a most comprehensive character, and in itself forms a complete compendium of the duties and obligations of officers of the Public Service. It is anticipated that the regulations will be available for issue in the course of a few days.

PUBLIC SERVANTS AND POLITICS.

One of the regulations under the Federal Public Service Act sets forth—"Officers are expressly forbidden to publicly discuss or in any way promote political movements. They are further forbidden to use for political purposes information gained by them in the course of their duties."

RIFLE CLUB REGULATIONS.

Regulations for the control of rifle clubs have been submitted to the Minister of Defence by Major-General Sir Edward Hutton. It is understood that they preserve the citizen-soldier character of the clubs, and that the State commandants are to be vested with power to see that the regulations are carried out. It is considered unlikely that they will be brought into force before the beginning of the next financial year.

TRANSFERRED SERVICES AND PROPERTIES.

The Minister for Home Affairs expects to receive the estimates of valuation placed on their transferred services and properties by the Governments of New South Wales and South Australia immediately after the new year. Sir William Lyne will then appoint a Royal Commission of three or six experts to check these valuations for the Commonwealth. The Commission will, it is anticipated, take evidence, and as many very complicated matters have to be dealt with its investigations may occupy a considerable period.

READJUSTING VICTORIAN CONSTITUENCIES.

When he returns from Tasmania the Minister for Home Affairs will, if the State Ministry is agreeable, appoint Mr. C. A. Topp (the Victorian Public Service Commissioner) a special commissioner under the Federal Parliament Electoral Act to readjust the boundaries of existing Victorian constituencies.

THE GOVERNOR-GENERALSHIP.

Nothing is known locally about a statement made in a London journal that Viscount Milner will succeed Lord Tennyson as Governor-General of the Commonwealth.

MURRAY RIVER WATERS.

VIGILANCE COMMITTEE IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, Tuesday.

At a meeting of South Australian members of the Federal Parliament at Parliament House, Adelaide, this afternoon the following resolution was unanimously carried:—"That in the opinion of this meeting in any agreement arrived at in regard to Murray waters it is a sine qua non that the navigability of the rivers should be maintained at least to the extent to which navigability has been possible in the past, and that Senator Playford, Sir Frederick Holder and Mr. Glynn, Ms.P., be a committee to watch the development of the question and to summon the representatives of South Australia to meet again whenever necessary or possible to promote this end." Sir Frederick Holder occupied the chair, and there were present Senators Playford, Charleston, and M'Gregor, and Sir Langdon Bonython, Messrs. Glynn, Batchelor, Solomon, and Poynton, Ms.P.

THE TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY.

FEELING IN QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Tuesday.

The Government has been asked by the Federal Government to allow the Chief Engineer for Railways to report with officers from the other States on the proposed transcontinental railway to Western Australia. The Queensland Government have asked when and where the meetings are to be held, and how long Mr. Pagan's services will be required. If the work would absorb much time the Government is not prepared to allow the Chief Engineer to act, as his services are required in the State.

The Queensland Government is not at all favourably disposed towards this particular railway proposal. They consider that the South Australian and Western Australian Governments might join for the construction of the line instead of attempting to put the expense on the whole of Australia.

CHRISTMAS DAY AND THE POST OFFICE.

There has been some newspaper correspondence protesting against the postal staff having to work on Christmas Day. Sir Edmund Barton states that it has been a regular thing for the postal authorities to make one morning delivery on Christmas Day. He has communicated with the Postmaster-General, and given directions to minimise, as much as possible, the work on Christmas Day, and to allow all other officers off duty whose services are not indispensably necessary.

SIR EDMUND BARTON.

Amongst other greetings received yesterday by Sir Edmund Barton was one from Mr. W. S. Greene, of the Amalgamated Miners' Association at Gormanston, Tasmania. It was as follows:—"The miners of the West Coast of Tasmania send the champion of a White Australia their Christmas greeting." Sir Edmund at once replied to the message.

SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE "HERALD'S" LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

SOUTH AFRICA.

MURDER OF A BRITISH OFFICER.

A BOER LEADER'S CONFESSION.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

Commandant Barend Celliers has been committed for trial at Kroonstad on a charge of murdering Lieutenant Boyle, a British officer, who was captured and who was tried by court-martial by order of General de Wet, and acquitted. Celliers has admitted his guilt, and states he acted on General Botha's orders.

RUSSIA AND FRANCE.

OBJECT OF ALLIANCE.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

The "Novoe Vremya" of St. Petersburg states that the primary object of Russia's alliance with France is to enable the two fleets to dispute British supremacy at sea in the event of war, but the alliance will be useless if the French desired to restrict their fleet to the coast of France.

CHINA.

CONCESSIONS TO BELGIUM.

LONDON Dec. 23.

The "Daily Telegraph" states that the Emperor Kwang-hsu, in an autograph letter, grants Leopold, King of the Belgians, a large concession of territory near Kiao-chau, the German possession.

THE UNITED STATES.

DUTIES ON PHILIPPINES PRODUCTS.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

The United States House of Representatives has passed a bill fixing American duties on the products of the Philippines at one quarter of the Dingley tariff.

THE IRISH LAND CONFERENCE.

THE REPRESENTATIVES.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

The conference which is to be held at Dublin between the representatives of the landlords and the tenants has elected the Earl of Dunraven chairman. Other members of the conference are Mr. John Redmond, M.P. (leader of the Nationalists), the Earl of Mayo, Mr. William O'Brien (Nationalist), the Earl of Harrington, and Mr. T. W. Russell, M.P. (Unionist and Land Reformer).

THE HUMBERT FRAUDS.

ACCUSED POSE AS VICTIMS OF VENGEANCE.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

The Humberts and the d'Aurignacs, arrested in Madrid on a charge of committing colossal frauds, pose as the honourable victims of private vengeance and political passions. They inveigh against Jewish money-lenders and the Government, with the hope of inflaming the Nationalists.

THE PENHRYN STRIKE.

BOARD OF TRADE WILL NOT INTERFERE.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

The Board of Trade has declined to resort to the Conciliation Act to settle the strike at Lord Penhryn's slate quarries.

MURDER BY A YOUNG WOMAN.

PETITIONS FOR REPRIEVE.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Largely signed petitions have been sent to the Home Secretary, asking for the reprieve of Emma (otherwise Kitty) Byron, who was sentenced to death for the murder of a stockbroker's clerk named Arthur Reginald Baker.

When returning a verdict of guilty against Byron, the jury added a strong recommendation to mercy. The following particulars are taken from the "Times":—A young woman named Kitty Byron entered the post-office in Lombard-court on Monday afternoon (November 10), about 2 o'clock, and despatched a letter by express delivery to some one at the Stock Exchange. Shortly afterwards she was joined by a gentleman named Baker, with whom, after exchanging a few angry words, she left the building. The dispute appears to have been continued when they got into the court, and the woman was seen to draw a clasp knife from a pocket and stab her companion three times, in the head, the shoulder, and the chest. The wounded man was removed as speedily as possible to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, but on arrival life was found to be extinct. It is stated that the two had been recently living at the same address. At the Justice Room of the Mansion House, on Tuesday, November 11, Kitty Byron, 23, milliner's assistant, was remanded, charged with the murder of Arthur Baker by stabbing him with a knife in Post Office-court, Lombard-street, on Monday afternoon. Evidence was given that when charged at the police station the prisoner said:—"I killed him willingly, and he deserved it; and the sooner I am killed the better."

EARTHQUAKES IN CENTRAL ASIA.

TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DEATHS.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Further earthquakes have occurred in the Andijan district of the province of Ferghana, Central Asia, and have caused 2500 deaths.

GREAT GEM ROBBERY.

FROM THE EARL OF CARNARVON.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

The Earl and the Countess of Carnarvon, while travelling from Paris to London, had a case of gems abstracted from their registered luggage. The gems were valued at £5000. It is suspected that the case was abstracted between Paris and Calais.

ITALIAN BUDGET.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

The Italian budget shows a surplus of 32,500,000 lire (about £1,300,000). It is estimated that there will be a surplus of 16,000,000 (about £640,000) in 1903. The reserve of gold amounts to 56 per cent. of the paper currency.

FRENCH WINE YIELD.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

The French wine production for the year amounts to 39,943,191 hectolitres (about 880,000,000 gallons).

VENEZUELA.

THE ARBITRATION PROPOSAL.

DISINCLINATION AT WASHINGTON.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Mr. G. W. Smalley, the New York correspondent of the "Times," says that there is a growing disinclination at Washington to undertake arbitration in regard to Venezuela, as the United States fears if this course is pursued that it will give rise to embarrassments in the future.

A Berlin telegram hints that the German Emperor suggested that President Roosevelt should act as arbitrator, as his Imperial Majesty believed that Venezuela would be more likely to obey the award of the United States President than the award of any other man.

[Previous cables indicated that Great Britain proposed President Roosevelt as arbitrator, and that Germany and Italy assented to the proposition].

A STATE OF WAR PROCLAIMED.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

A state of war in Venezuela has been proclaimed at Port of Spain, Trinidad.

GERMANY'S CLAIMS.

STATEMENT BY THE IMPERIAL CHANCELLOR.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Count von Bulow, the German Imperial Chancellor, in the course of an interview, stated that Germany placed in the forefront of her demands on Venezuela claims arising out of the last insurrection, including forced loans, the seizure of cattle, and the pillage of German houses and estates.

[The cablegram gives the reasons of Germany's demands on Venezuela. The reasons for Great Britain's demands were thus given five days ago by Mr. Balfour, the Premier:—"The operations in Venezuela are undertaken not to recover debts, but most reluctantly, and after long and patient delay, because the Venezuelan Government has assaulted Britons and has seized British ships."]

THE BLOCKADE.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

H.M.Ss. Indefatigable, Alert, Tribune, Columbine, and Rocket started the blockade of the Venezuelan coast at midnight on Saturday.

Vice-Admiral Sir A. L. Douglas, who is on board the Ariadne, will remain at Port of Spain, Trinidad.

THE ALLIES' PROCEEDINGS.

LIMITED TO BLOCKADE AT PRESENT.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Count von Bulow, in the course of his statement to an interviewer, said that the Allies had agreed that at present action with regard to Venezuela should be limited to the blockade, except an unexpected emergency arose.

THE REVOLUTIONISTS ON THE ORINOCO.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

The revolutionist General Ferreras has collected 350,000dol. in duties since the Venezuelans raised the blockade of the Orinoco, and has repaid 75,000dol. borrowed from merchants.

[The headquarters of General Ferreras are at Ciudad Bolivar, on the Orinoco.]

BRITISH SEAMEN ILLTREATED.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

Venezuelan soldiers at Puerto Cabello after seizing the British steamer Topaze dragged the crew ashore at midnight in a semi-nude state, prodded them with bayonets, and imprisoned them in a filthy room.

[The merchantman Topaze was seized at Puerto Cabello on December 10, and was pillaged. The captain and crew were held prisoners till the British cruiser Charybdis and the German cruiser Vineta appeared in the port. The seizure led to the bombardment of the fort of Puerto Cabello.]

A ROYAL SCANDAL.

AN INDIGNANT WIFE.

FLIGHT TO GENEVA.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

The Crown Princess Louise of Saxony has declined the advice of her father, the Grand Duke of Tuscany, to forgive her husband the Crown Prince Frederick of Saxony for his intrigue with an actress of the Dresden Court Theatre. The Crown Princess left a letter at Salzburg, the residence of her parents, stating that she would never return to the home of her husband or her parents, and fled to Geneva.

The court functions at Dresden for the season have been countermanded.

The official version of the affair is that the Crown Princess Louise is suffering from a morbid state of mental excitement.

The Crown Prince Frederick of Saxony was married to the Archduchess Louise Antoinette of Austria, daughter of the Grand Duke of Tuscany, on November 21, 1891. There is one child of the marriage, Prince George, born in 1893. The Crown Prince is 38 years of age, and the Crown Princess 33.

DISREPUTABLE FOREIGNERS IN ENGLAND.

STRONG REMARKS BY A JUDGE.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Mr. Justice Darling, in sentencing the other prisoners who were found guilty at the Old Bailey of being concerned in the forgery of Bank of England notes, said that it was high time the country stopped giving an asylum without question to disreputable foreigners.

The prisoners sentenced on Saturday were Bernstein and the two men Barmash, one of whom, Soleman, subsequently committed suicide.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM CANADA.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Sir Richard Cartwright, the acting Premier of Canada, has sent a wireless telegraphic message through the "Times" to the people of Great Britain, congratulating them on Signor Marconi's accomplishment, which Sir Richard Cartwright proclaims the greatest feat of modern science.

THE KING'S CONGRATULATIONS.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

King Edward has replied to the message sent by wireless telegraphy from the Earl of Minto (Governor-General of Canada), stating that he was much interested by the message, and that he is delighted with the success of a great invention bringing Great Britain and Canada still closer together. His Majesty congratulated Signor Marconi on his achievement.

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THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY.

DEATH OF DR. TEMPLE.

LONDON, Dec. 23, 5.25 a.m.

The Archbishop of Canterbury passed a comfortable night. Yesterday he took more food than he has done the past few days. The weakness has not increased.

10.55 a.m.

The death is announced of the Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. Temple), aged 81 years.

The Most Rev. Dr. Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury and Primate of All England, was born on November 30, 1821, in Santa Maura, Ionian Islands. He was the son of Major Octavius Temple, formerly Lieutenant-Governor of Sierra Leone. He was educated at the Grammar School at Tiverton, and proceeding to Oxford became scholar of Balliol College. In 1842 he took his degree of B.A. as a double first-class. He was elected Fellow and mathematical tutor of his college, and was ordained in 1846. Two years later he was appointed principal of the training college at Kneller Hall, Twickenham. He held this post for seven years, and resigned it to become an inspector of schools. In 1858 he was chosen to succeed Dr. Goulburn as head master of Rugby. It was a post which at that time was destined to make or mar its occupant. The splendid personality of Dr. Arnold and his new theories of education had lifted the school into a unique position. After his sudden death Dr. Tait, who was subsequently to become Bishop of London and Archbishop of Canterbury, succeeded to the position. He was followed by Dr. Goulburn. Both these eminent men sustained the reputation of Rugby, but it was left to Dr. Temple to give it a new impetus. In 1868 Mr. Gladstone, as Premier, nominated him to the Bishopric of Exeter, in succession to the late Dr. Philpotts. During his tenancy of this see his untiring devotion to the duties of his office earned for him a popular name among his people. There were numerous little rural parishes lying far off from the beaten track which he insisted on visiting. There in the open fields he would deliver one of those strong, vigorous, breezy addresses of which he was the master. While Bishop of Exeter he married in 1876, Beatrice, daughter of the late Right Hon. W. S. Lascelles.

On the death of Dr. Jackson in January, 1885, he was appointed Bishop of London. During his 11 years' tenure of the see of London he proved himself an indefatigable worker. He went everywhere in his diocese, and brought the influence of the Church to bear on all classes of the population. It has been said that one strong feature of his work was the way in which it evoked work in others. During his later years he was known as a Conservative and disciplinarian, especially in matters affecting the standard of clerical education and the admission to holy orders. In 1896 he became Archbishop of Canterbury in succession to the late Archbishop Benson. As occupant of that high office it was his duty to crown King Edward at Westminster Abbey on August 9 of this year. The joy in that great ceremony was for many tinged with sadness in the knowledge that the venerable Archbishop, then in his 81st year, was being borne down by his infirmities. Splendid and pathetic was the figure he presented in that great event. It was his place to administer the oath to his Majesty and also to anoint and crown him. We read that though the voice of the venerable prelate was powerful, yet owing to his infirmity he had to be assisted in all his movements. It was with great difficulty that he knelt to do homage to the King, and his Majesty assisted him to rise. The last public appearance of the Archbishop was in connection with the Education Bill. In the second reading debate in the House of Lords his Grace made a strong speech in support of the measure. But his weakness was so great that he broke down in the middle of a sentence. Since then he has been in the hands of the doctors, and their bulletins announced that he was gradually sinking.

Dr. Temple was never a popular preacher, as his voice was not harmonious, but his great knowledge and mental grasp made him a powerful force in his generation. It has been said that he was more feared by his clergy than beloved, but his untiring energy, his strong will, and trenchant speech could not fail to gain their admiration. He was noted for his fairness to the men of all schools of thought in the administration of the several sees over which he presided. He took a deep interest in all movements which made for the welfare of the working classes especially of working women. In addition to a number of tracts and pamphlets he published "Sermons Preached in Rugby Chapel, 1858-60," and "The Relation Between Science and Religion."

OBITUARY.

THE DEAN OF WINCHESTER.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

The death is announced of the Rev. William R. W. Stephens, Dean of Winchester, aged 63 years. Death was due to partaking of contaminated oysters at the banquet of the Mayor of Winchester last week.

The death of the Dean of Winchester makes the third fatality due to the eating of contaminated oysters at the Mayoral banquet. Of the other two one was that of a doctor.

The Rev. William Richard Wood Stephens was born on October 5, 1839. He was educated at Balliol College, Oxford, and graduated B.A., 1862, first class in the final classical school, and M.A. 1865. He was vicar of Mid Levant, Sussex, from 1870 to 1873; lecturer at Chichester Theological College, 1872 to 1875; prebendary of Wittering, and theological lecturer in Chichester Cathedral, 1875 to 1894; and rector of Woolbeding, Sussex, 1876 to 1894. In the last-named year he was appointed dean of Winchester. His publications include "Life and Times of St. John Chrysostom," "Memorials of the South Saxon See," "Christianity in Islam," "Hildebrand and His Times," and "Helps to the Study of the Prayer-book." In 1869 the Rev. W. R. W. Stephens, married Charlotte, youngest daughter of Dr. F. Hook, then Dean of Chichester.

MR. P. D. PRANKERD.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

The death is announced of Mr. Peter Dowding Prankerd, formerly of Adelaide.

WINDSOR DECEMBER STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

CLEWER HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE PLATE.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

The contest for the Clewer Handicap Steeplechase Plate at Windsor on Saturday last resulted as under:—

CLEWER HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE PLATE.—3 miles.

Perdicus, by Fontiac—Hope IV. ..	1
Levanter, by Captivator	2
Snowden, by Wildfire	3

The Clewer Handicap Steeplechase Plate is the principal item on the card for the Windsor December Steeplechase Meeting, and last year the prize was worth £135 to the owner of Cushenden, who started an odds-on favourite, and easily accounted for three opponents. The chief interest in the race decided on Saturday last is the fact that the New Zealand-bred gelding Levanter occupied second place to the American-bred Perdicus, a son of Pontiac. Levanter prior to his appearance on the Australian turf distinguished himself over the battens and big timber in his native country, by winning the Great Northern Handicap Steeplechase at Auckland in 1896 and 1897, the New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase at Canterbury in 1897, a jumping double at Wanganui, and several minor cross-country events. In 1898 he was brought across to Sydney, and won the steeplechase double at the A.J.C. Spring Meeting, after which he was purchased by Captain Scott and taken to the old country, where he annexed the Citizens' Plate (steeplechase) at Limerick in 1899. In 1900 he took part in the Liverpool Grand National Steeplechase, in which he did not show prominently, but last year he finished fourth in the great jumping event at Aintree, won by Grudon. He did not take part in this season's Grand National, but as he is showing form now he will likely be a candidate for jumping honours at Aintree in March next.

SUDDEN DEATH IN A RAILWAY CARRIAGE.

On Monday evening an elderly man named William Morris, a resident of St. Mary's, died suddenly while travelling in a train to Parramatta. It is stated that he was late for the train, and was compelled to run for it, with the result that he collapsed shortly afterwards.

LATE SHIPPING.

TELEGRAPHIC INFORMATION.

FREMANTLE.—Arr.: Dec. 22, Darius, s., and Burrumbeet, s., from the eastern States. Dep.: Dec. 22, Victoria, R.M.S. (P. and O. line), for London.
GERALDTON.—Arr.: Dec. 22, Nemesis, s., from Fremantle.

IF YOU WANT TO BORROW MONEY, go to N.S.W. Mont de Piete Co., Ltd., 74 Castlereagh-street, 74. Eustace Bennett, general manager.—Advt.

"Melbourne's Regatta Course" is the title of an interesting illustrated article in this week's "Sydney Mail."—Advt.

SHOCKING TRAGEDY.

TERRIBLE CRIME AT RAMSAY'S BUSH.

A GIRL BRUTALLY MURDERED.

CONFESSION BY AN ABORIGINAL.

A shocking tragedy, resulting in the death of a little girl named Janie Irene Smith, took place at Ramsay's Bush, Dobroyde, yesterday. The locality is almost identical with that where another girl was brutally assaulted about 12 months ago, and for which the perpetrator subsequently suffered the death penalty.

From what has been learned of yesterday's crime it seems that the victim, who resided with her parents at Dobroyde-street, Ashfield, asked her mother if she might gather some bushes with which to decorate the house for Christmas. The mother, believing her daughter did not intend to go beyond some paddocks at the rear of the house, gave her consent, and the girl set off shortly after 9 o'clock, accompanied by two other girls, named Nellie Robinson and Mary Cremer, and a little boy. After traversing some wide open paddocks, the fringe of Ramsay's Bush was entered. Here the party stayed for a time till deceased expressed a wish to go further into the scrub, so as to get more suitable bushes. Her companions, however, became frightened, and declined to venture further. Janie Smith then went on by herself. Shortly after this a boy named Joseph Huggins saw a blackfellow talking to her. Huggins subsequently stated to the police that the man looked at him in such a savage manner that he became frightened and ran to where some boys were bathing in a pond some distance away.

HOW THE CRIME WAS DISCOVERED.

The fact that a terrible crime had been committed was first discovered by a young man named William Mills, employed by Mr. W. H. Walters, butcher, of Parramatta-road. He, like deceased and her companions, had come to the locality for the purpose of getting bushes, and while thus engaged he came upon the little girl's body, which presented a terrible sight. Her head, face, and clothes were covered with blood. The reckless nature of the assault may be gleaned from the fact that not 50 yards away were several well-appointed residences. Mills ran to one of these, and was then directed to a telephone, by means of which he communicated with the Petersham police station. Sub-inspector Stanwix at once proceeded to the scene and took charge of the body. Near by were found several pieces of bloodstained ironstone, with portions of hair corresponding to that of deceased's adhering to them. The officer at once had the child removed to Lewisham Hospital in a cab. The parents were communicated with, but it was not till some time after her admission to the hospital that they became aware of what had happened, as the mother was away in the city and the father was working at Parramatta.

THE VICTIM'S INJURIES.

When the little victim was brought to the hospital it was at once seen that her condition was most precarious. Dr. J. B. M'Ilroy, of Annandale, was at the institution, and together with Dr. Burfitt examined the patient. From the first neither entertained the slightest hope of saving her life. She had lost a large quantity of blood, was very blanched, and was almost pulseless. There was a large contusion over the right eye, which was completely closed up. There were also innumerable cuts and contusions on the head, face, and forehead, in addition to bruises about the limbs and body. The head was so badly gashed that the doctors came to the conclusion that it would be only inflicting unnecessary pain on the sufferer to attempt to stitch the wounds up. In spite of the disarrangement of portion of the girl's clothing, the doctors were perfectly satisfied that no outrage had been committed upon her. They further expressed the opinion that it was impossible for the wounds to have been caused accidentally, and that great violence must have been used to inflict them. The child lingered on till nearly half-past 3, when she died, never, in fact, having regained consciousness.

WHAT THE POLICE LEARNED.

As soon as the crime became known the police telephones were quickly set going and all the stations in the metropolis were soon apprised of what had occurred. Superintendent Larkin and Sub-inspectors Roche and Stanwix were quickly on the scene making inquiries and directing the operations of a large body of detectives and plain-clothes constables. From the children who had accompanied deceased on her ill-fated expedition little was to be learned, for they had wended their way homeward when their companion intimated her intention of going further into the bush. From the boy Higgins, who stated he had seen deceased talking to a blackfellow, some information was gleaned, to which the greatest importance was attached. The boy, who proved to be a bright, intelligent little fellow, gave a clear, straightforward statement, and minutely described the man's dress and some of his movements. Another lad said he saw a blackfellow going in the direction of the bush shortly before 11 o'clock, while another lad stated he saw a blackfellow running across some paddocks from the spot where deceased was found. On these statements the officers directing operations felt themselves justified in advising the stations to keep a sharp watch on any coloured person whose movements seemed at all suspicious.

FOLLOWING UP A CLUE.

On arrival at the scene of the outrage a thorough search was made of the surrounding bush with the object of discovering anything which might help towards the apprehension of the offender. As before stated three blood-stained stones were discovered, and these were taken possession of. Several policemen were also stationed in the vicinity to prevent the encroachment of people who, through morbid curiosity, might be impelled to visit the spot. In examining the locality the detectives came upon the tracks of someone who had evidently walked from near the scene of the crime down towards the Leichhardt canal. The stations on the other side were quickly acquainted of this fact, and a number of policemen were sent out to make a thorough inspection of the district, particularly of those parts which it would be necessary to pass through in order to get to the city. While engaged on this duty Constables Tweeney and Wilson received information which caused them to visit the Pyrmont quarries. Here, after a search, they came upon an aboriginal sitting under some rocks.

A CONFESSION.

On approaching the man one of the constables found that he knew him. After some questions, answered reluctantly at first, the aboriginal informed the constables that he had met the girl in the bush, and had struck her over the head with a stone. This statement led the officers to take the man into custody, and he was conveyed to the Central Police Station.

HOW THE CRIME WAS COMMITTED.

On arriving at the station the man gave a detailed account of the affair. Although warned of the course he was taking, he persisted in his statement. He said he had recently been discharged from gaol, had been drinking, and in consequence felt he wanted to kill somebody. He met the child in the bush, and asked her what she was doing. She answered she was gathering bushes for Christmas, and the man told her he was doing the same. He then, he stated, took up a piece of stone and hit her on the head with it. He described the stone with which he struck the deceased, and said he also saw a boy who was going through the bush. Particulars as to the clothes the girl was wearing at the time were also given. He said she was wearing a straw hat turned down all round, and on being shown the one found near deceased, identified it as the one she had on. He said he left the girl for dead, and then went to some water and washed his hands. The prisoner's statement was made in the presence of Superintendent Larkin and several other officers, all of whom expressed themselves satisfied as to the truthfulness of the man's story. He is a man slightly over 30 years of age, and is fairly well known to the police.

THE SUSPECT IDENTIFIES THE BODY.

The suspect was taken by Sub-inspector Roche and the arresting constables to Ramsay's Bush, and pointed out the exact spot where the girl was found. He was afterwards taken to the Lewisham Hospital, where he identified the body of the victim. The prisoner was later conveyed to the Central Police Station, and charged with maliciously and feloniously murdering Janie Irene Smith. He made no reply to the charge.

Besides the verbal statement which the accused made to the police he last night handed a written confession to Superintendent Larkin.

THANKSGIVING FOR RAIN.

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNMENT.

NEXT SUNDAY A SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER.

During the last week the Archbishop of Sydney approached the Government with a view of appointing a day of prayer and thanksgiving throughout the State for the beneficent rains that have fallen over a large area. The Premier was of opinion that the drought had practically broken up, and approved of the suggestion. Accordingly when the Executive Council met yesterday the following proclamation was signed by his Excellency the Governor:—

"Whereas it is deemed fitting that the inhabitants of New South Wales should testify their thankfulness to Almighty God for His great mercy in sending the welcome rain with which the State has recently been blest: Now, therefore, I, Sir Harry Holdsworth Rawson, as such Governor as aforesaid, do, with the advice of the Executive Council, hereby appoint Sunday, the twenty-eighth day of December instant, to be observed as a special day of prayer and public thanksgiving throughout New South Wales; and I further invite the clergy and ministers of religion of all denominations, and all other his Majesty's subjects in the State of New South Wales, to observe the day appointed as one of special thanksgiving to Almighty God for His great mercy in delivering the State from the suffering and loss attending a long continued drought.

"Given under my hand and seal, at Sydney, this twenty-third day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and two, and in the second year of his Majesty's reign.

"By his Excellency's command.

"JOHN SEE."

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VICTORIA.

SEAMEN'S WAGES.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Victorian Employers' Federation to-day reference was made to the late possible strike in the shipping trade, and the following resolution was carried:—"That the secretary be instructed to write a letter to the secretary of the Shipowners' Federation congratulating that body on the successful compromise arrived at between the employers and the employees, thereby saving the public from disastrous consequences of a possible strike; and that the committee furthermore wishes to express its satisfaction at such a voluntary settlement having taken place in New South Wales without the interference of the Arbitration Court, thus saving time, friction, and money, and proving that when real differences arise between employers and employees they can be settled amicably and voluntarily."

THE FELT HATTERS.

In commenting on the operations of the Immigration Restriction Act in respect to the English felt hat makers' arrival at Sydney under contract to an employer there the council of the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce, at its meeting to-day, expressed the opinion that the law as administered in the case was a blot on the Commonwealth, and in the main concurred with the views expressed on the subject by the leading press of the country. The following minute was ordered to be recorded:—"That the council records its emphatic opinion that the provisions of the Immigration Restriction Act which prevent, under certain circumstances, the landing in Australia of British artisans is impolitic and abhorrent to all loyal subjects of the Empire, and should be repealed when the Federal Parliament meets."

APPLICATIONS FOR SEED WHEAT.

In response to a notification made some time ago by the Minister for Lands that farmers in want of Government assistance to purchase seed wheat should write to the department, upwards of 1000 applications have been received, and they are coming in at the rate of over 100 a day. It is anticipated by departmental officers that when all requests are in there will be from 3000 to 4000 claims to be investigated and dealt with, or, perhaps, even more than that.

THE STRANDED BARQUE INVERLOCHY.

The stranded barque Inverlochy remains in the same position as yesterday. The weather continues fine, and the sea calm.

THE OUTTRIM HOWITT COLLIERY.

At the general meeting of shareholders of the Outtrim Howitt Colliery, held to-day, the directors reported that the output for the half-year was 51,136 tons, and that £3739 was distributed as dividend. The action of the directors in paying British shareholders their dividends free of Victorian income tax was confirmed.

SHOOTING FATALITY.

A distressing shooting fatality occurred at Bairnsdale to-day. Two sons of Mr. Michael Woodman were out shooting, and the gun carried on the shoulder of the elder boy, aged 13, went off. The charge passed through the chest of the younger boy, aged 12, causing instant death.

SUICIDE IN A POLICE CELL.

At the Warragul Police Court yesterday a man named Thomas Robinson was committed to Kew Asylum. He was placed in a cell prior to being removed to Melbourne, and during the night he committed suicide by hanging himself with a strip of the bedclothes. When the body was found the knees were touching the ground.

SHIPMENT OF BUTTER.

In consequence of the change which has taken place in the Butter market it has been found necessary to ship more freely to London, and the shipment of nearly 78 tons by the Orontes to-day is the largest for the present season. More would have been shipped had space been available.

Gold to the amount of £1500 was shipped to London to-day by the R.M.S. Orontes.

Mr. F. W. Fry, who for some years has been connected with the Victorian Sunday School Union, has been appointed acting general secretary of the Melbourne Y.M.C.A.

Mr. L. J. Lohr, formerly well-known as a theatrical manager, but now proprietor of the Defence Hotel at Inverloch, has forwarded to the State Governor a turtle weighing 105lb., captured at Inverloch. This is claimed to be the first turtle caught in Victorian waters.

The remainder of the passengers landed at the quarantine station from the Ville de la Ciotat will be released to-morrow.

The State Governor has cabled to the Prince of Wales the congratulations of the Government and people of Victoria on the birth of his son.

TASMANIA.

MINERAL RETURNS.

HOBART, Tuesday.

The mining returns for the past quarter show the following totals as follows:—Gold, £78,793; blister copper, £91,500; tin, £66,515; silver bullion, £49,092.

ARRIVAL OF WAR VESSELS.

HOBART, Tuesday.

The cruiser Phoebe arrived from Sydney at noon to-day, and will probably remain for a month. The Dart is expected during the week. The Torch is now at Launceston. She also comes here.

THE WOOL SALES.

At the wool sales 2800 bales were sold. For super merinos French and American buyers keenly contested. Fine crossbreds and half-breds sold beyond expectations. Prices were:—Crossbreds, 7¼d to 10d; comebacks, 8½d to 11½d; merino skirts, bellies, pieces, 8½d to 9d; half-breds, 9½d to 10½d.

At the wool sales prices were firm, with an upward tendency. Animated bidding obtained all-round, and with satisfactory results.

The Executive Council to-day agreed to the regulations and forms under the new Income Tax Act.

QUEENSTOWN, Tuesday.

A painful accident happened during the afternoon shift yesterday to a miner named F. Chawley, who was timbering a mine when a piece of rock nearly a ton in weight came away from the roof and struck him down, crushing him severely. He was carried to the Queenstown Hospital, and is now progressing satisfactorily.

LAUNCESTON, Tuesday.

James Alexander Waddle, while working at Sidebottom's bark mill to-day, got caught in some machinery and had his left arm torn off below the elbow.

NORFOLK ISLAND.

(BY CABLE.)

NORFOLK ISLAND, Tuesday.

The Titus sailed for Sydney on Monday morning. Captain Rason, Imperial Commissioner for the New Hebrides, was a passenger. He will proceed to Fiji from Sydney.

NEW ZEALAND.

WELLINGTON, Tuesday.

The Chief Justice ruled to-day that the Wellington Racing Club had no power at present to exclude bookmakers from its racecourse.

CATTLE FROM AUSTRALIA.

NATAL GOVERNMENT PROHIBITION.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

The embargo laid by the Natal Government upon cattle from the Commonwealth is explained in a letter received by the Department of Agriculture from its agent in South Africa, Mr. J. K. Hunter. He states that although cattle shipped from Wyndham, W.A., by the steamers Kilburn and St. Fillans were excellently accommodated during the voyage, they were badly graded, and included a large number of weedy animals. On arrival at Durban they were driven to a paddock, which was wholly unsuitable and in a filthy condition, and while there pleuro-pneumonia developed, leading the Natal Government to take the action referred to.

VICTORIAN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

In the Legislative Council this afternoon the Solicitor-General, in moving the second reading of the Administration and Probate Act Amendment Bill, frankly admitted at the outset that there were defects in the measure, but he urged that the public interest demanded that the Legislative Council should pass it in view of the statement by the Treasurer that taking the average figures a sum of £10,000 would be lost to the Treasury if the bill were not passed before Parliament reassembled. The second reading was agreed to. In committee Sir Arthur Snowden moved the omission of a clause providing that a refund of money overpaid in error as duty should only be made within three years of the death of the testator. The omission of the clause was agreed to on division by 13 votes to 9, and progress was at once reported.

The House adjourned until January 20.

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

AUDACIOUS ROBBERY AT KALGOORLIE.

EIGHT HUNDRED POUNDS' WORTH OF JEWELLERY STOLEN.

KALGOORLIE, Monday.

One of the most audacious robberies that have ever been committed at Kalgoorlie was carried out successfully shortly after noon to-day, in the very heart of the business portion of Hannan-street. Soon after 12 o'clock A. Belmen, in accordance with his usual custom, locked up his jewellery establishment and went to luncheon. On his return 10 minutes later he found that during his absence a window at the rear of his premises had been smashed, a back door forced open, and £800 worth of valuable jewellery, comprising diamond rings, gold chains, bangles, watches, and brooches had been stolen. The thieves' selection of Mr. Belman's stock was a choice one, and was made with as much deliberation and coolness as could be summoned during the brief space of time the proprietor was absent from the shop. Having abstracted the pick of the jewellery from the show cases the thieves left by the back entrance of the premises; but in their eagerness to get away safe with their plunder they dropped a diamond ring valued at £75 in the back yard. The ring was afterwards picked up and handed to the owner.

Detectives arrived on the scene of the robbery a few minutes after it had been committed, but all trace of the perpetrators appeared to have vanished, and so far no clue likely to lead to their arrest has been obtained.

A STABBING CASE.

THREE CHINAMEN INJURED.

PERTH, Monday.

A serious affray occurred this afternoon. A Malay, who is a ticket-of-leave man, fell foul of several Chinese residing in King-street. The supposed trouble originated through gambling. Shortly before 5 o'clock people noticed a man, followed by Chinese, running towards King-street. The reason was soon apparent. A Chinese named Ah Ling was found by the police on his verandah stretched on his back. Another Chinese, Ah Took, was gashed about the hand, his right thumb being nearly severed. Took was also stabbed in the back. A third man, Ah Hop, was stabbed, but his injuries are not considered serious.

The Malay, who is alleged to be responsible for the stabbing of the Celestials, ran along Murray-street into a drapery store followed by a crowd of Chinese. With composure he asked to be shown some articles of apparel, but he was immediately challenged by a detective at the point of a revolver. When called upon to put his hands up the Malay submitted, and the detective secured a sharp knife from the man's hip pocket. When arrested accused said "Me killem Chinamen and me no care. I no care you hang me."

[These above appeared in a portion of yesterday's issue.]

Tuesday.

The Chinese Ah Ling, who was reported to have been stabbed to death last evening, proved only to be in a state of unconsciousness. During last night he regained consciousness. Although he received a ghastly wound in the abdomen, besides minor wounds in other parts of the body, his injuries are not likely to prove fatal.

The Malay was brought up at the City Police Court to-day charged with attempted murder, and was remanded for eight days.

THE COOLGARDIE WATER SUPPLY.

PERTH, Monday.

Water through the long line of pipes is now flowing into Coolgardie.

PERTH, Tuesday.

At Roebourne on Friday the youngest of the three Matthews brothers, who were tried at the Quarter Sessions on a charge of stealing copper plates containing about £250 worth of gold, was acquitted. The jury disagreed in their verdict regarding the two elder brothers.

It appears that the recent stabbing case at Condon was the work of a Malay who ran amok. Pegden, the victim of the assault, is still in a serious condition.

Mr. Cohen, Mayor of Adelaide, who is on a trip to Ceylon, has accepted Sir John Forrest's invitation to attend the opening of the Coolgardie Water Scheme on January 27.

Mr. W. Patterson, manager of the Agricultural Bank, is seriously ill.

Sir John and Lady Forrest returned by the R.M.S. Victoria on Monday. The Minister was tendered a civic welcome at the Fremantle Town Hall.

The Victoria on Monday took for Colombo 325,000 sovereigns, and for London 23,000 sovereigns.

The gold exports by the Victoria to-day for Colombo were: 325,000 sovereigns, and for London 22,000 sovereigns.

The City Council has decided to raise a loan of £30,000, more than half of which sum it is proposed to spend in street-making.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, Tuesday.

At the annual meeting of the Commercial Travellers and Warehousemen's Association held to-night the report showed that the association members are 234, and the club members 150. There is a credit balance of £355. Mr. B. Buring was elected president.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS.

With an extended holiday season such as we have at Christmastide the railway arrangements play an important part. Not only have the Railway Commissioners arranged for holiday excursions within the State, but special tickets are being issued to the principal Queensland, Victorian, and South Australian stations. With regard to excursions within the State, special excursions have been arranged for the Southern, South Coast, Western, and Northern lines. Special arrangements have also been made for fast excursion trains to the Mountains.

The popular Hawkesbury excursion by rail and steamer will be continued during the holidays. The Railway Commissioners also notify that the late trips shown in the time tables for Saturdays will be run on the Abbotsford, Ashfield-Burwood-Mortlake, Baulkham Hills, Kogarah-Sans Souci, Little Bay, and La Perouse lines to-night. On all the North Sydney lines Saturday time tables will be in force. The Mosman tram will connect with the midnight boat from Circular Quay.

For those who cannot leave the environments of the city there is an ample choice of amusement. Christmas Day, of course, will be observed with due regard to its sacred character. On Boxing Day, however, there will be many opportunities for enjoyment. The theatres will then begin their Christmas season, and there will be outdoor excursions during the day both by land and water.

On Christmas Night the Sydney Philharmonic Society will render "The Messiah" in the Town Hall, and the Fisk Jubilee Singers will give a performance in the Centenary Hall.

On Christmas afternoon a musical festival will be given by the Vice-regal Military Band, conducted by Mr. L. De Groen, in combination with the grand organ.

The annual band contest in connection with the N.S.W. Band Association will take place in the Town Hall on Boxing Night, and will be preceded by marching competitions on the Agricultural Ground in the afternoon.

A large number of harbour excursions are announced. On Christmas Day Nelson's steamer the Lady Hampden will make trips to Middle Harbour with artists on board, and music will be provided at Pearl Bay. Mr. Nelson will also run his steamers all day on Boxing Day to Balmoral Beach, the Spit, Pearl Bay, Bantry Bay, and Flat Rock. Amusements of all kinds, including dancing, are provided for.

The North Coast Steam Navigation Company, Limited, will send the twin screw steamer Electra on the annual Christmas excursion to Port Macquarie. The steamer leaves this evening, and returns on Monday morning. Fishing and boating excursions and other amusements will be promoted during the trip.

A number of ocean excursions are announced. The Newcastle and Hunter River S. S. Company will send the Namoi to Cowan Bay on Boxing Day, and the Sydney to Careel Bay on the same day. Bands will be provided, and refreshments can be obtained on board. On Saturday afternoon the steamer Newcastle will make an excursion to the Hawkesbury.

The trip to Manly, giving 14 miles of harbour views, will occupy a prominent feature in the holiday of those on a visit to Sydney, while many local residents will no doubt take this favourite trip. The attractions of the promenade-decked saloon steamers will be increased by the provision of bands and concerts.

Special arrangements have been made at the Bondi and Coogee aquariums for Boxing Day. Arrangements have been made for dancing, and other amusements will be provided. At Correy's Gardens, Cabarita, there will be dancing in the large pavilion, and various other amusements for old and young. Special saloon steamers will leave the King-street wharf every half-hour, while those who desire to travel by land can do so by trams which leave Burwood station at short intervals.

It is announced that there will be dancing at Clifton Gardens on Christmas Day.

TRAM ACCIDENTS.

William Puckeridge, 20, living at Baxter-road, North Botany, was knocked down by a tram on the Waterworks Bridge, Botany, last night. He was placed on a special tram and brought to King-street. The Civil Ambulance conveyed the sufferer thence to Sydney Hospital, where he was admitted suffering from a fracture of the skull.

An elderly man named Robert Rooke, who was knocked down by a tram near the Lands Office on Monday evening, died at the Sydney Hospital yesterday. The coroner has been informed, and will conduct an inquest to-day.

Shortly before 6 o'clock last night a tram collided with a cab near Queen's-place. The driver, Samuel Bair, who resides at Cross-street, Forest Lodge, was knocked off the box. He was taken to the Sydney Hospital and treated for cuts and abrasions to the head and face and injuries to the back.

QUEENSLAND.

REPORTED MURDER OF A BLACK.

BRISBANE, Tuesday.

The Commissioner of Police has received a report that a black gin was murdered by an African near Burketown several days ago. The police are inquiring.

SEED BARLEY.

Efforts are being made to induce the Government to purchase seed for malting barley for growers. Owing to the failure of the crops through the drought 20,000 bushels, costing about £5000, will be required. It is proposed to obtain the seed from New Zealand.

TELEPHONE RATES.

Replying to a deputation from South Brisbane on telephone matters, Mr. Drake to-day said that telephone exchange rules had not yet been touched. The disparity in rates between the different States was so great that he did not see how they were going to equalise them without some trouble. They must remain as they were until he could make them uniform.

The Sydney passengers by the Tangian include Dr. Solf, the German Governor of Samoa. The voyage from Singapore was fine and uneventful. The steamer reached Brisbane two days ahead of time.

The steamer Sussex arrived at Broadmount, Rockhampton, yesterday with 250 tons of frozen beef and mutton from New Zealand for the Central Queensland Meat Export Company, which has been compelled to obtain a shipment in order to meet the demand of the local butchering trade.

All the Ministers have received invitations to attend the opening of the Coolgardie waterworks, but it is unlikely that any will be able to accept the invitation.

THE ELINGAMITE WRECK INQUIRY.

EVIDENCE OF PASSENGERS.

AUCKLAND, Tuesday.

The inquiry into the wreck of the Elingamite was resumed at Auckland to-day. Mr. W. R. Haselden, S.M., presided, and he was assisted by Captains Waddilove (Lyttelton) and C. G. Smith (Wellington) as nautical assessors, and Mr. G. Twigden (Auckland) as engineers' assessor.

The Hon. J. E. Tole conducted the inquiry on behalf of the Marine Department, Mr. Hugh Campbell appeared on behalf of Captain Attwood, Mr. J. C. Martin for the first and second officers, and Mr. T. Cotter for the engineers. Mr. Mahony watched the proceedings on behalf of the Austrian passengers who were on the vessel at the time of the wreck.

Peter Charles Innes, a passenger by the Elingamite, said that he got into the purser's boat, being pulled in out of the water. They passed No. 4 boat (the one still missing) in the afternoon. This boat seemed very full. He would say there were 40 people aboard. The purser spoke to the third mate, who said he was going to try and reach Cape Maria Van Diemen. The officer also said he had provisions aboard, and in response to a query as to where land was, said he had left the captain, and that the smaller boat should go back over the course he had followed, when they would be almost sure to find the captain. He seemed confident of being able to strike Cape Maria Van Diemen, and said that he would send relief to them. Witness believed the purser asked the third mate for provisions, and he replied that the captain had provisions. They passed two rafts, on the second of which was a woman. One of the men asked to be taken aboard, and the purser said he would take the stewardess aboard the dingy. She did not seem to be anxious to leave the raft. If there had been any anxiety on her part she would have been got over.

Captain Clayton, recalled to give further evidence regarding the position of the wreck, stated that three ledges were found by soundings. The outer one was 33 fathoms deep, the intermediate 25 fathoms, and the ledge on which it was considered the vessel was bilged about 18ft. Outside the outer ledge was 40 fathoms. He found no obstructions or ledges approaching the island beyond those mentioned.

Andrew Rossie, passenger, said that he got on board the raft. They picked several people out of the water, having 19 aboard altogether. The boats were then further out, but he subsequently saw a boat picking others up from the water. In the afternoon the lifeboat passed them, but he did not know who was in charge. They also saw the other raft going in a different line. The raft on which witness was was waterlogged, the planks being some inches under water. The other raft took three persons from them. There was no scrambling to see who should go to the other raft. The three men nearest it went aboard. Later on they saw a boat. They shouted but got no reply, so one man held up a rope to signify that they wanted a tow but without any effect. Towards evening, when out of sight of land they sighted the purser's boat and the other raft. Weatherilt asked the purser to take the stewardess aboard. The purser called back as well as witness could understand that his boat was leaking, and that he was therefore unable to take her. The purser also said that the captain or the first mate sent him round to tell them to try and make for the lee of the island. Weatherilt replied that the raft was unmanageable, and that they were unable to do anything of the kind. The purser then told the two rafts to keep together, that he would find land and then come back to them. Evening was then closing in, and witness thought it would have been an impossibility for any boat to have found them.

Continuing, witness said: We asked the other raft, as it was apparently better and was clear of water, to take the stewardess on board. She said, "Yes, take me on board, I shall have a better chance on yours; this is under water." The other raft apparently tried to get close to us, but they were evidently afraid to do so, for fear of a collision, which might damage the cylinders. The distance between the two rafts was too great for the stewardess, and we were also afraid to let her go for fear she would be drowned.

Arthur Robinson gave similar evidence.

Atkins, the second engineer, recalled, denied absolutely that a wedge was used in any part of the engines. The only hammering which took place was when the plug was hammered into the overflow pipe.

Scott, the third engineer, and Morrison, the fourth engineer, gave similar evidence, and this concluded the evidence.

The inquiry was adjourned to January 12.

PERSONAL.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF SYDNEY.

The Archbishop of Sydney and Primate of Australia (Dr. Saumarez Smith) will leave Sydney early next month on a visit to England, and expects to return in April next. It is understood that the reasons for the visit are chiefly of a personal character, and it will be partly a holiday trip. The Primate will be accompanied by two of his daughters, one of whom (Miss Saumarez Smith) is to be married to the Rev. R. Griffiths, who was formerly domestic chaplain at Bishopscourt. Dr. Saumarez Smith also desires to see his aged father, who is in his 94th year, and who resides at Brighton.

CARDINAL MORAN.

Cardinal Moran yesterday morning paid a visit of respect to the Premier, Sir John See. They had a long conversation, and parted wishing each other the compliments of the season.

RECEPTION OF "MAJOR" TAYLOR.

The Lord Mayor (Alderman Thomas Hughes) yesterday, on behalf of the citizens, welcomed "Major" Taylor, the champion cyclist, to Sydney. There was a large gathering of sporting men present, amongst others being Mr. David Walker, general secretary, and Mr. J. J. Virgo, general secretary-elect of the Sydney Y.M.C.A., of which organisation "Major" Taylor had been made a member on the previous day.

The Lord Mayor, in proposing the health of their visitor, welcomed him to Sydney, and wished him every success. He was always glad when men of standing in the world of sport, acknowledged champions in their particular line, came here, because undoubtedly in sporting matters even defeated candidates learned a very great deal. During the year that was just closing he had had the privilege of welcoming representatives of almost every kind of sport, and in the coming year he should always be prepared to extend the heartiest of welcomes to acknowledged champions.

The toast was supported by Mr. Percy Hunter, and was received with much enthusiasm.

"Major" Taylor briefly responded, thanking the Lord Mayor for his very cordial reception, and the company for the manner in which they had honoured the toast. He was very pleased to visit Sydney.

Other toasts were "Prosperity to the League of Wheelmen," proposed by Dr. A. Maitland Gledden, responded to by Mr. O'Brien; and "The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor," proposed by Mr. J. J. Virgo. The Lord Mayor responded, and the proceedings terminated.

MR. R. C. MORSE.

Mr. J. J. Virgo, general secretary elect of the Y.M.C.A., has just received a letter to the effect that Mr. C. R. Morse, who is at the head of Y.M.C.A. work in the United States, will visit the Australasian colonies early next year. He is coming from India, and will be in Adelaide next April, spending some time in these States, returning to America via New Zealand.

At a meeting yesterday of the works committee of the City Council, Alderman M'Elhone was elected chairman for the current municipal year.

Constable M'Hugh, who has been connected with the Pyrmont police for a number of years, was last night presented with a gold pendant on behalf of the Pyrmont police. Constable M'Crimmon made the presentation.

Mr. E. Trelawny, superintendent of the P. and O. Company in Australia, will leave Sydney on a six months' trip to Europe by the R.M.S. Himalaya on Saturday next. During his absence Mr. A. Gordon Wesche will undertake the management of the agency.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

The State Governor and Lady and Miss Clarke left by the Pateena this afternoon on a visit to Tasmania. Sir William Lyne also left by the Pateena.

The health of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Mr. D. Gillies, continues to improve slowly.

AMUSEMENTS.

THEATRE ROYAL.

This afternoon and evening the final performances of "A Chinese Honeymoon" will be given at the Theatre Royal, as on Boxing Night Mr. George Musgrove will produce for the first time here the new comic opera "The Thirty Thieves." There will be new scenery by Messrs. Coleman and Goatcher, and the spectacular effects will include the beautiful "Porcelain Procession." Herr Slapoffski will conduct the new music by Mr. Edward Jones, and Mr. John Wallace will direct the stage. The cast will be as follows:—The Baronet (secretly known as the Captain of the Thirty Thieves), Mr. J. C. Piddock; the Lord Mayor (an American millionaire), Mr. Henry Hallam; the Secretary (to the Lord Mayor), Mr. Edward Lauri; Appy (a poor woodcutter), Mr. Foster Courtenay; Sonny (Appy's Son), Mr. W. R. Shirley; Theodore, Miss Pansy Montague; Rhoda (the Lord Mayor's daughter), Miss May Beatty; Mariana (Appy's servant), Miss Josephine Stanton.

PALACE THEATRE.—"DOROTHY."

The Royal Comic Opera Company arrived here yesterday from Melbourne, with Mr. Henry Bracy and M. Leon Caron at the head of affairs as stage manager and musical director respectively. Mr. J. C. Williamson has chosen "Dorothy" for the opening of the season at the Palace Theatre on Boxing Night, chiefly owing to the unusual favour with which Cellier's comedy-opera was recently received in Melbourne, and also because the work places the new members of the company in strong parts. Mr. Reginald Roberts, an English tenor who has sung in grand opera with the Castles Square Company throughout the United States, and Mr. Harold Thorley, an English baritone who was touring South Africa early in the year, are amongst the new recruits. Mr. George Lauri, as already noted, will be the Lurcher, and Miss Florence Young will be seen in the role of Dorothy.

LYCEUM THEATRE.

"The White Heather," which has drawn crowded houses for several nights past, will be staged for the last time at the Lyceum Theatre this evening. On Boxing Night Mr. Bland Holt's new attraction at the Lyceum will be Arthur Shirley's drama, "The Breaking of the Drought." There will be illustrations by Mr. John Brunton of a back blocks station on fire, Mosman's Bay, Little Coogee, and other familiar places. The cast of the new piece will include the following artists:—Marjorie Galloway, a flower of the bush, Miss Ross; Olive Lorette, Miss Ireland; Mrs. Galloway, Miss Ruttledge; Tom Wattleby, a horse dealer, Mr Baker; Joe Galloway, squatter, Mr. Styan; Varsy Lyddelton, Mr. Albert Norman; Yales, coloured music-hall artist, Mr. Charles Brown; and Damper, a rouseabout, Bland Holt.

CRITERION THEATRE.

Mr. John F. Sheridan's new pantomime of "Cinderella" will re-open the Criterion Theatre with renewed splendour on Boxing Night. The actor-manager has collaborated with Messrs. Pat Finn and Fred. W. Weierter in the new "Cinderella" burlesque, which, in addition to all the main incidents of the fairy tale, will embrace an elaborate harlequinade for children. The new cast will be as follows:—Cinderella, Miss Celia Mavis; Baroness Bounder, Mr. Fred. Wentworth; Violet and Daphne (her daughters), Mr. Sidney Carden and Miss Tillie Dunbar; Prince Charming, Miss Minnie Hooper; Dandini, Miss Heba Barlow; Buttons, Little Tim Howard; Lord Chamberlain, Mr. Thomas Curran; Captain of the Guard, Mr. S. Granger; Demon Mephistrion, Mr. Leon Roche; and Baron Bounder, of Pinchgut Castle, Mr. John F. Sheridan.

TIVOLI THEATRE.

The usual matinee will be omitted at the Tivoli Theatre to-day, but Mr. Harry Rickards' Company will, of course, appear in the evening. The theatre will be closed on Christmas night, but there will be a holiday matinee on Friday, as well as an evening performance. Messrs. Towns and Pearce will then give their final exhibitions of rowing. On Saturday afternoon and evening Mr. Jay W. Winton will reappear with the irrepressible "M'Ginty." On Monday next Mr. Rickards will introduce Miss Gracie Emmett's Company, newly arrived from America by the Ventura, in the farcical piece "Mrs. Murphy's Second Husband." The cast will consist of Miss Emmett, Miss Frances Gray, Mr. Ben J. Mues, and Mr. Le Roy Wimmer. On Monday the Tivoli programme will also include Le Mont's performing dogs and monkeys.

CHRISTMAS ORGAN RECITAL.

The city organist will give a special recital of music for Christmas Eve at the Town Hall to-night. Reference to another column will show that Mr. Arthur Mason has included various carol themes in his programme, to which favourite vocalists will contribute.

HANDEL'S "MESSIAH."

The chief event on Christmas Night will be the Sydney Philharmonic Society's annual performance of the "Messiah." Signor Hazon has given successful rehearsals both to chorus and orchestra (led by Mr. Rivers Allpress), so that this colossal oratorio of praise and devotion will be rendered with all the imposing grandeur which should accompany festival music upon the Nativity. The Hazon version of Handel's oratorio a little exceeds two hours in performance, so that nearly all the gems of the great work are included. The vocalists will be Miss Edith O. King, Miss Florence Gilson, Mr. Henry Weir, and Mr. Charles Rosenthal, with Mr. J. Edward Sykes as organist. Popular prices are announced.

CHRISTMAS MATINEE FESTIVAL.

On Christmas afternoon Mr. Lewis De Groen will conduct the Vice-Regal Military Band at the Town Hall in a festival programme in which the city organist (Mr. Arthur Mason) will join. The united forces should present ensembles of impressive dignity in the "Hallelujah Chorus," Handel's "Largo," and the entr'acte from "Lohengrin." The Vice-Regal Band's chief solo will be Le Thiere's beautiful description of early morning in the forest, entitled "Gipsy Life," whilst Mr. Mason's solo will be Guilmant's "Christmas Themes." Miss Millie Wynn will render Gordon's "In Tota Pulchra" and "Ernani Involami." The plan is at Nicholson's.

THE FISK JUBILEE SINGERS.

On Christmas Night M'Adoo's Fisk Jubilee Singers will open a short season at the Centenary Hall. A special programme suited to the festival night has been prepared for the occasion, and Mr. Hamilton Hodges will sing with the company as heretofore. There will be a holiday matinee on Boxing Day, after which the Jubilee Singers will give miscellaneous programmes every evening. Their return should prove welcome.

"BEN HUR" AT QUEEN'S HALL.

The Lew Wallace Myorama and Concert Company will present the romance of "Ben Hur" at the Queen's Hall on Christmas Night and the two following evenings. For this entertainment Mr. Albert Lucas announces a sacred concert dealing with the subject of the Passion, as well as with incidents in the life of "Ben Hur."

CHRISTMAS CONTINENTAL.

A sacred and classical concert entertainment is announced for the Sydney Cricket Ground to-morrow (Christmas) evening. An excellent programme has been arranged, consisting of music by the massed military bands, choruses and solos by well-known artists. Full particulars of the programme will be found in our advertising columns. The cricket oval will, as on the occasion of the Continentals, be thrown open for promenading, and the whole of the grounds and stands will be brilliantly illuminated by electricity and acetylene gas. The stage will be so arranged that patrons of the festival may sit in the grand stand and hear all the music and solos. A special Continental is announced for Boxing Night on the Cricket Ground.

TOWN HALL BAND CONTEST.

The Christmas band contest at the Town Hall will be initiated with the solo competitions on Friday morning, but probably the popular event of the day will be the marching competitions at the Agricultural Ground at 2 o'clock. The marches will be repeated on Saturday. Mr. J. Ord Hume will be adjudicater, and programmes of interest will be rendered at the Town Hall Friday, Saturday, and Monday nights.

THE CYCLORAMA.

Special holiday attractions are announced at the Cyclorama. The Battle of Gettysburg representation continues to draw large audiences, and many additional displays contribute to a fine general exhibition.

MEMORIAL TO A TROOPER.

DENILIQUIN, Monday.

This evening a lamp erected to the memory of Trooper James Mason, a local volunteer killed in the Ellingsburg engagement in South Africa last December, was unveiled by the Mayor (Alderman Kelly) in the presence of a large assemblage of people. At 8 o'clock a number of soldiers, under Captain Rod Howe and Lieutenant Frank Weir, headed by the local brass band, and followed by the children attending the various schools, marched in procession to the monument erected at the junction of Cressy and Edwards streets where the ceremony was performed. The monument, besides bearing a tablet in commemoration of the death of Trooper Mason, also bears tribute to seven local volunteers who were honoured with various commissions, and is inscribed with a roll of about 30 volunteers from the district who took an active part in the war.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

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The prize-winners for the December quarter, best two shootings out of three, at 500 and 600 yards, were:—Sergeant S. P. Goodsell, 65, 60, 15 handicap—125; Corporal G. Beitch, 65, 58, ?—123; Private A. Wilson, 65, 55, 25—120; Sergeant J. Farrow, 65, 52, 25 117; Sergeant W. Pettigrew, 65, 51, scratch—116; Lance-corporal J. Pettigrew, 65, 53, 5—116; Colour-sergeant J. J. Hynes, 65, 51, 8—116; Private A. Storm, 65, 48, 25—113; Private W. M'Nair, 60, 50, 5—110; Private J. Gilbert, 61, 47, 20—108.

SOUTH COAST RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The programme for the fourth annual prize meeting of the South Coast Rifle Association to be held at Kiama on March 4, 5, 6, and 7 has just been issued, and altogether over £600 and special trophies are offered in prizes. Several innovations have been introduced which should be welcomed by riflemen. A good proportion of service matches are included.

SPEECH DAYS.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE, SUMMER HILL.

The annual distribution of medals, certificates, and prizes in connection with the above school took place on Friday, when there was a large attendance of parents and friends. The Rev. Canon Vaughan presided. After the reading of the report, which showed that earnest work was done and the numbers on the increase, the rector spoke a few appropriate words, and congratulated the principal on the results. Fifteen candidates were sent in for the Trinity College music examination. All passed, one (Alison Davis) getting the highest marks of candidates under 20 in the intermediate honour section (western suburbs centre). Ten were sent to the London College of Music practical examination, and all passed. After the presentation of prizes the pupils presented the principal with a handsome silver cruet and pair of salt cellars.

The names of the prize-winners were:—

Medals: Dux of College, Alison Davis; dux of Class IV., Ivy Smith; Angus and Robertson's gold medal for writing, S. M'Intosh; Miss Foster's gymnastic medals for greatest improvement and attention, Ethel Schloadt; best work, Ethel Jones. Certificates Trinity College of Music—Intermediate honours: Alison Davis, Agnes Croaker. Junior honours: Ivy Smith, Connie Smith, Clare Lyne, S. M'Intosh, Irene Bishop, Jeannie Mathieson, Irene Hamilton, Marjorie Croaker, Gladys Pinnington. Pass: Annie Hudson, Carrie Thomas, Florence M'Kay, Ilma M'Intosh. Prizes: Mrs. Geoffrey Harper's prize for elocution, Miss Gurney's prize for music, Alison Davis; Miss Whitaker's prize for music, Clare Lyne; Angus and Robertson's prize for writing, Ida Tate. Class V.: Mathematics, Latin, English, Alison Davis; history and French, Connie Smith; geology, Daphne Monday; Scripture and English, Annie Hudson; essay, Irene Bishop; house prize, Ida Tate; arithmetic, Ethel Schloadt; general improvement, Ethel Rogers. Class IV: Scripture, Irene Hamilton; history, geography, and French, Marjorie Croaker; geography, geology, and French, Ivy Smith; writing and conduct, Enid Howard; general improvement, Gladys Allworth; English, writing, and dictation, Ida Hughes; general improvement, Winnie M'Kern; history and French, Jeannie Mathieson; arithmetic, Gladys Pinnington; history, Carrie Thomas. Class III.: Scripture, Maude Davy, Bessie Christie, Alice English; geography and history, Gladys Rooke; geography and grammar, Olive M'Intosh; arithmetic, Hilda Featherstone; arithmetic, Eileen Tuke; English, Ethel Jones; poetry, Essie Sutherland; home work, Edie Mitchell; arithmetic, Winnie Cox; grammar, Doris M'Mullen; poetry, Vera Booth; general improvement, Eileen Holland; history, Louie Lyne, Norah Witherspoon; sewing, arithmetic, Mira Tornaghi; drawing and writing, Ivy Smith. Class II.: General proficiency, Leonard Davis; geography and spelling, Clive Blackwell; poetry and writing, Harry Lamble; mapping, Mortie Lyne; grammar and mental arithmetic, Minnie Jenkins; Scripture, Olga Lawrence; writing and mapping, Elma Fowler; arithmetic, Rex Smith and Stanley Blackwell; good conduct, Tom Freeman; poetry, Dorothy Laurence; history and writing, Doris Hamilton.

SYDNEY COMMERCIAL COLLEGE.

A pleasing ceremony took place at the Sydney Commercial College last Friday afternoon, when Mr. Bender, the principal, was presented by the staff and some of the students with a silver-mounted umbrella and a beautiful address in appreciation of his great attention and kindness during the past year. In acknowledging the generous gift and address, the principal referred in grateful terms to the assistance he had obtained from the very efficient tutorial and clerical staff of the college. He congratulated the pupils on the good work accomplished during the year, and read the following list of names of students who had distinguished themselves at the successful annual examination just held:—

Day Students.—Shorthand: Miss Josephine Comans, Miss F. E. Oakes, Miss N. D. Macky, Miss G. M. Minty, Master J. Wolff, Mr. G. H. Whittingstall, Miss A. Williams, Miss M. Templeman, Miss K. M'Carthy, Miss P. M. Farrell, Miss S. Moodie, Master K. Mason. The prize for excellence was awarded to Miss Josephine Comans. Typewriting: Miss Josephine Comans, Miss A. Williams, Master J. Wolff, Miss N. D. Macky, Miss M. Templeman, Miss G. M. Minty, Miss S. Moodie. The prize for excellence was awarded to Miss Josephine Comans.

Bookkeeping.—Master J. Wolff, Mr. G. H. Whittingstall, Miss G. M. Minty, Miss S. Moodie.

Evening Students.—Shorthand: Mr. E. Ciszio, Mr. A. S. Turner, Master L. Davis, Mr. E. Kenny, Mr. G. L. Duff, Mr. R. Birdwell, Master S. Buchanan, Master G. C. Hamilton. The prize for excellence was awarded to Mr. A. S. Turner.

Typewriting.—Master Stafford Vincent.

CROYDON SUPERIOR PUBLIC SCHOOL.

The annual distribution of prizes in connection with the Croydon Superior Public School took place in the School of Arts Hall, Ashfield, in the presence of a large number of parents and friends of the pupils on Tuesday afternoon last. Several choruses were sung by the senior boys and girls, and the infants contributed some action songs. Alderman W. G. Crane presided, and delivered an instructive address urging the boys to take up useful trades after finishing their course of studies, and not to be too desirous of clerical work. Mr. Crane complimented the headmaster, Mr. C. J. Kelly, and his staff on the success obtained by the school. The pupils of the commercial class presented the headmaster with a gold sovereign-case, and Misses M'Cann and Barron, and also Messrs. Thompson and Evans, who have just completed their course as pupil teachers, with souvenirs as tokens of the esteem in which they are held by the pupils.

KULZURA SCHOOL, BONDI.

The annual distribution of prizes at Kulzura School, Bondi-road, was held on Wednesday, in the presence of the parents and friends of the pupils. After a short musical programme, in which the pupils were assisted by Mrs. Aylmer Jay, the Rev. R. M'Keown (rector of St. Mary's, Waverley) presented the prizes, and gave a pleasant address to the pupils. The principal, Miss Arlie Kellick, Mrs. Kellick, and Miss Robertson were presented with pretty souvenirs of respect and esteem. Miss Birdie Allan was awarded the dux prize of the school. The other prizewinners were:—

Class prizes: N. Allan, K. Robertson, G. Allan. Conduct: C. Bean, V. Paling. Home lessons: B. Allan, C. Bean. Attendance: B. Allan, N. Allan. Drawing: D. Allan. Spelling bee: N. Allan. Scripture: C. Bean. Latin: B. Allan. French: N. Allan. Needlework: C. Bean, E. Gardner.

ELMSMERE SCHOOL.

Miss Estelle Dean, the principal of Elmsmere School, Darlinghurst, gave an enjoyable breaking up party to her pupils and friends on Monday evening last. The schoolroom was tastefully decorated with greenery, fairy lamps, and Chinese lanterns, and the pupils, being in evening dress, an exceedingly pretty effect was produced. After tea a tableau and entertainment were held. The principal features of the programme were Miss Rae Furness as "Little Red Riding Hood" (recitation); Miss Hilda Hedger, "Fairy Queen;" Miss Leila Swan, "Harvest;" and Miss Hermione Sutton, as "The Little Japanese." Misses Thelma Peterson, Vera Scott, Irene Burrows, and Master Edgar Mansfield played their parts with success. During the evening Miss Dean was congratulated upon the steady progress shown by the pupils.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

The following is a list of the prizetakers at the annual distribution of prizes at University College, Cleveland and Regent streets:—

Special Prizes.—Dux, R. P. O'Dwyer, gold medal presented by the principal Mr. Eugene J. Ryan. Silver medals presented by Mr. J. J. Power, M.L.A., for Irish history, won by R. P. O'Dwyer and T. P. Clare. Silver medal, presented by Mr. M. J. M'Mahon, M.L.A., for Irish language, won by Emmet Donovan. Highest average, W. Carmody. Class first: R. P. O'Dwyer, 1; W. Carmody, 2; T. P. Clare, 3; Rupert Rimes, 4; James White, 5; Emmet Donovan, 6. Second class: Turpie, O'Brien, Morgan. Class third: S. Rowan, E. Hilbert, A. Loughry, H. Tolhurst, W. Slattery, S. Bowen, E. Bowen, L. Hampton, M. Collins, Thompson, J. Dwyer.

SCHOOL OF MUSIC, PYMBLE.

The annual distribution of prizes took place in the club house, Pymble, on Friday evening last. There was a large attendance of parents of the pupils and their friends. Dr. O'Reilly presided, and presented the prizes and medals. An enjoyable musical programme, provided by the pupils, preceded the distribution of prizes. The pupils presented Mrs. Conway with a card basket and her daughter with a gold brooch.

The annual distribution of prizes of the Grange Private School, Newtown, took place on Thursday evening, in the presence of a large gathering of friends. A well-arranged programme of music and recitations, followed by the cantata "The Coming of the Flowers," was creditably carried out by the pupils. The report was read by the principal, Miss Gray. Mr. Roberts, in the absence of Canon Taylor, distributed the prizes to the successful candidates, at the conclusion of which Miss Gray was presented with a handsome writing-case by the pupils.

The distribution of prizes to the successful students of the Dominican Convent School, Elm Court, took place on Thursday. The prizes were distributed by the Rev. Father Rohan.

About 150 friends and relations of the pupils of Christchurch Girls' High School and Ravenscraig Preparatory School were present last week at the hall, Walker-street, North Sydney, when a successful programme of music and recitations, which gave evidence of careful training, was presented by the pupils of the Misses Mathews. Miss Carrie Baker's rendering of Grieg's "Wedding Day" and Miss Emmie Jeffries's "Chanson de Jeune Fille" (Dupont) were excellent. Several tableaux were staged. The scholars presented Miss Emily Mathews with a silver-backed mirror. The Rev. J. H. Maclean presented the prizes to the successful scholars, and refreshments were provided.

A large number of the parents and friends of the pupils of Alexandra College, Waverley, assembled in the Grahame Memorial School hall on Friday evening, when the prize distribution took place. An excellent entertainment was given by the pupils. The Rev. John Macaulay, M.A., presided, and distributed the prizes. Miss Graham was presented by Miss Gertrude Kendall, on behalf of the pupils, with a handsome dressing-case.

The pupils of Glenroy School, Woollahra, gave a successful entertainment on December 17 in the Oddfellows' Hall, Woollahra, in aid of the City Mission. The accompanist was Miss Nellie Pointing. During the evening Mrs. W. Campbell (principal of Glenroy) was presented with a biscuit barrel by her pupils. The proceeds of the evening amounted to £6. The prizes were presented by the Rev. Dr. Fordyce.

A gathering of the parents and friends interested in the Manly High School for Girls and Kindergarten was held at the school hall last week. The Rev. A. G. Stoddart presented the prizes.

A pleasant afternoon was spent at Caprella, Flood-street, Bondi, on Friday, when the Misses Tournay-Hinde held the Christmas break-up of the pupils in their new schoolroom. The Misses Tournay-Hinde were the recipients of presents from their pupils.

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THE WEATHER.

Fine warm weather again ruled yesterday throughout New South Wales. At Sydney the maximum reading of the thermometer was only 80 degrees, but in the interior many high temperatures were recorded. Among the high readings reported to the Observatory last evening were those of 103 degrees at Wentworth and Bourke, 102 degrees at Walgett, and 100 degrees at Deniliquin, Hillston, and Wilcannia.

Light to fresh N.E. winds were blowing last evening, and smooth seas were running along the coast.

Mr. Russell says that to-day will be fine and hot, and that thundery conditions may be experienced. Northerly winds will prevail, veering subsequently to the south.

SYDNEY WATER SUPPLY.

THE CATCHMENT AREA.

The flow of the rivers on the Prospect catchment area for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday was as follows:—Cataract, 34,867,000 gallons, a falling off of 5,752,000 as compared with the preceding corresponding period; Nepean, 97,000,000 gallons, or the same as on the previous day.

The inflow of water to the Prospect Reservoir was 112,680,000 gallons, a diminution of 9,399,000.

The level of the reservoir at 9 a.m. yesterday was 183·87ft., a rise of ·45ft., or nearly 6 inches in the 24 hours.

FURTHER RAINS IN QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Tuesday.

During the 24 hours ended at 9 o'clock to day a few further rainfalls were reported in the North, the principal falls being:—Balfe's Creek 15 points, Bowen 23, Cairns 62, Coen 52, Herberton 23, Irvinebank 64, Mareeba 53, Macdonnell 65, Mount Garnet 23, Palmerville 43, Port Douglas 235, Ravenswood 28.

MOUNT DRUITT, Tuesday.

Splendid rains have fallen during the month, 392 points having been registered. There is plenty of grass, which looks much better than usual at this time of the year, and water sufficient for some months.

TRADES AND LABOUR.

BUTCHERS' EMPLOYEES' UNION.

At a meeting of this union held at the Trades' Hall last night a letter was received from the Masters' Society requesting the men to arrange a conference for the purpose of considering the demands of the union, which have recently been filed in the Arbitration Court. The union, after discussion, decided to accept the invitation, and delegates were appointed with power to sign any agreement that may be mutually agreed to.

NEWCASTLE.

WATER AND SEWERAGE BOARD.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

A meeting of the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board was held to-day. A report was read from the Maitland district inspector giving the result of an inspection made of the Hunter River on the 19th instant from the 20-mile point to the intake works at Walka, West Maitland. The river and its immediate banks were found quite clear of all objectionable matter. There was good feed along the course, and all the stock appeared to be in good condition, so that the late danger from starving cattle dying or becoming bogged in the river had now disappeared along this portion of the Hunter River. Between the 19th and the 21st instant there was a rise of over 9ft. at the gauges at the Belmore Bridge. This rise was the most considerable that had occurred since July, 1900, when 24ft. was recorded.

THE COAL EXPORT TRADE.

The following vessels cleared at the Customs to-day:—The steamer Salahadji, for Singapore, with 3065 tons of Co-operative coal; the steamer Dilkera, for Port Pirie and Adelaide, via Kembla, with 3030 tons of coal; the steamer Norkoowa, for Melbourne, with 2150 tons of coal; the steamer Kittawa, for Devonport, via Kembla, with 900 tons of coal; the steamer Australian, for Hongkong, via Sydney and ports, with 1950 tons of coal; the steamer Buninyong, for Melbourne and Adelaide, via Sydney, with 1500 tons of coal, 55 bales of wool, and 2230 spokes; the American schooner E. R. Jackson, for Honolulu, with 1116 tons of East Greta coal; the steamer Winfield, for Fremantle, via Melbourne, with 4750 tons of coal; and the steamer Hans Mensell, for Manila, with 4250 tons of Pacific Co-operative coal.

The steamers Salahadji, Dilkera, and Norkoowa sailed as above to-day; also the steamer Mararoa, for Auckland, via Sydney, with 860 tons of coal and a quantity of timber; the steamer Glaucus, for Melbourne, with 1750 tons of coal; the steamer Easby, for Melbourne, with 1820 tons; the steamer Rakanoa, for Suva, with 880 tons of coal; and the German barque Fulda, for Mollendo, with 1273 tons of Seaham coal.

THE REV. J. CROOKSTON.

A gathering was held to-night by the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church for the purpose of bidding farewell to the Rev. J. Crookston, who for the past five years has been pastor of the church, and is leaving for Victoria, having accepted a call to St. Andrew's Church, Bendigo. The Rev. A. Smith, of East Maitland, Moderator of the Hunter Presbytery, presided. The Rev. R. M. Bowies spoke on behalf of the Newcastle Ministers' Association, the Rev. Seth Jones for the Baptists, Rev. L. L. Wirt for the Congregationalists, and the Rev. R. Bavin for the Methodist Churches. Miss Timbury presented Mr. Crookston with an address on behalf of the Newcastle branch of the Christian Endeavour Union. Mr. W. Scott also presented Mr. Crookston with an illuminated address from the congregation of St. Andrew's, and the Mayoress, on behalf of the ladies, presented Mrs. Crookston with a piece of plate. Mr. and Mrs. Crookston left for Sydney by boat to-night.

CUSTOMS DECISIONS.

The following orders and decisions have been issued for general information:—

Manganese Steel Parts.—If articles are claimed as exempted as Manganese steel parts they must be entered in full, and precise terms of exemption, in any case, such as Hadfield's, when there is no doubt entertained by the officer as to the accuracy of the entry, the entry properly declared will suffice, and when there is any doubt it will be reported.

Transires.—Transires must give particulars of all goods carried, including free goods and Australian produce.

"Sheet soap," as per sample, forwarded with your memo., 02-735, of the 5th instant, is dutiable as "toilet soap," 3d per lb.; item 51.

The proofed cotton duck, as per sample submitted, is free as a tent duck, division V (c).

The decision re chocolate contained in order No. 227, of August 6 last, is cancelled by order No. 334 of 11th instant.

"Hotchkiss boiler circulator," for fitting to and use in cleaning boilers, 12½ per cent., item 78 J, boilers, n.e.i.

Cut paper explosive caps for toy pistols, 20 per cent. Item 112, toys.

"Lay bushed chains," free, div. vi., ac. chains, n.e.i.

Packet jewellery, being the class of goods such as is placed in surprise packets by confectioners, 20 per cent. Item 112, fancy goods, toys.

Lamp and candle wick, plaited, 5 per cent, cotton and linen piece goods. This cancels order No. 280 of October 25, 1902, as regards this item.

Herrings, &c., packed in tins containing ½lb.—Duty to be charged as reputed lb. tins.

"Cocoa shell powder," 1d per lb. Item 16, cocoa.

Milk powder.—Duty chargeable according to strength as compared with preserved milk 1d per lb. Item 37, preserved milk.

Boot lining, as per sample held in Sydney office, 5 per cent., cotton and linen piece goods.

Silicate cotton, free.

Desk and ceiling fans, driven by machinery, 12½ per cent. Item 78, machines, n.e.i., even if fan be imported separately.

Gummed hessian, as per sample held in Sydney office, free, division Vc.

Copyholders, for attachment to typewriters, 20 per cent. Item 78M, plated ware, or item 78N, manufactures of metals.

Collar skeletons (steel frames for dress collars, covered with textile material), 25 per cent, item 58 A, articles, n.e.i.

Switches over 4in. in base.—The measurement is to be taken as follows:—In the case of oblong shape, the length of the longest side (not the diagonal); circular shape, the diameter; elliptical ditto, the longer diameter.

Glucose, manufactured within the Commonwealth, excise duty as sugar, £3 per ton.

Billheads and invoice forms, imported by the local branches of British or foreign houses, but bearing only the address of the local branch, 25 per cent. Item 123, manufactures of paper.

ARRIVAL OF A NEW STEAMER.

THE VICTORIA, OF MESSRS. HUDDART, PARKER, AND CO.'S LINE.

The new steamship Victoria, the latest addition to the fleet of Messrs. Huddart, Parker, and Co., which has been specially designed and built for the passenger and cargo trade between Australia and New Zealand, paid her first visit to Sydney yesterday and was greatly admired. She has been built on the lines of the well-known New Zealand trader, Zealandia, but is larger than that vessel by about 260 tons. The Victoria is 335ft. in length with a beam of 43ft. and her gross tonnage is 2979.

No expense has been spared by the company in fitting up and furnishing the Victoria. She has accommodation for 150 first-class and 112 second-class passengers. The spacious saloon, which is situated on the upper deck has seating accommodation for 90 persons and is luxuriously fitted, the walls being decorated with carved panels of oak. A cosy and elegantly furnished drawing room has been provided for ladies below, and there is a large and airy social hall on the main deck. The smoking-room is a comfortable compartment situated on the upper deck where also may be found a loungeroom with a bar attached. A staircase leads from the smoking-room to the poop deck, where passengers may promenade without being annoyed or inconvenienced by the work of loading and discharging cargo. Excellent accommodation has also been provided for the second-class passengers.

The Victoria arrived at Melbourne on her maiden voyage from London on the 25th ultimo, and after being docked proceeded to Hobart, Bluff, Dunedin, Lyttelton, and Wellington. She sailed from the last-named port for Sydney at 10 p.m. on Friday last, and arrived here before 9 o'clock yesterday morning. The passage was therefore accomplished in the excellent time of three days, 10½ hours, or at an average speed of upwards of 14 knots. Captain Waller (formerly of the steamer Westralia), who has been given command of the new vessel, states that but for the fact that heavy weather, lasting for 20 hours, was encountered in the Tasman Sea, the run would have been made in three days and seven hours. The Victoria, which has given every satisfaction to her owners, promises to become very popular with the travelling public. She leaves on her return trip to Wellington on Saturday next.

Captain Thos. Free, R.N.R., (manager of the Newcastle branch of Messrs. Huddart, Parker and Co.'s business), successfully brought the Victoria out from England.

Street Flower-sellers is the subject of an interestingly illustrated article in the "Sydney Mail."—Advt.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

(Continued from page 6.)

MOVEMENTS OF MAIL STEAMERS.

The R.M.S. Orontes, which sailed from Sydney on Saturday last for London, left Melbourne yesterday for Adelaide.

The R.M.S. Britannia, bound from London to Sydney, arrived at Melbourne yesterday.

The R.M.S. Victoria (P. and O. line), bound from Sydney to London, left Fremantle at 10 p.m. on Monday.

The R.M.S. Roma, bound from London to Sydney, left Colombo on Monday last.

The R.M.S. Sonoma arrived at Fanning Island on Sunday last, and subsequently continued her voyage to San Francisco.

The R.M.S. Sierra sailed from San Francisco on Friday afternoon last for Sydney, via ports.

The R.M.S. Miowera will berth at Flood's wharf to-day and will sail for Vancouver on Monday next.

The F.M.S. Ville de la Ciotat will be despatched from Sydney to-day for Marseilles, via the usual ports of call.

The G.M.S. Grosser Kurfurst, from Bremen and Southampton, left Melbourne yesterday, and is due at Sydney to-morrow morning.

SAILING VESSELS DUE.

The following sailing vessels are now due at Sydney:—

Acacia, bq. (WNBV), from Wellington—17 days.
Admiral, four-masted sch., from Eureka—53 days.
City of Hankow, bq. (JDKS), from Eureka—61 days.
Forthbank, bq. (WVFM), from Glasgow—88 days.
Ganymede, bq. (JHTG), from Hokianga—12 days.
Luhe, bq. (RLCT), from Dram—94 days.
Marlborough Hill, four-masted bq. (JSWC), from New York—98 days.
Milberton, sh. (KGLV), from Hamburg—97 days.
Orontes, sh. (WJFH), from London—100 days.
St. Kilda, bqtn. (WMNT), from Kaipara—13 days.

DEPARTURE OF THE TSINAN.

The steamship Tsinan, of the China Navigation Company's fleet, sailed at 5 p.m. yesterday for Japan and Hongkong via Queensland ports, Thursday Island, Port Darwin, and Manila, with the following cargo from Sydney:—180 packages potatoes and onions, 94 cases fruit, 157 pieces timber, 7 oregon spars, 20 cases kerosene, 25 cases whiskey, 6 bags sugar, 46 bags maize and oats, 22 bags salt, 9 boxes butter, 4 carcases mutton, 8 kegs whitelead, 36 bags beche de mer, 10 cases tea, 82 packages fungus, 61 bundles copper, 2 casks copper, 11 packages metal, 6 kegs sulphuric acid, 8 kegs lead, 6 bags seeds, 7 boxes gold (£49,356), 12 bags bran, 1 cow and calf, 764 packages groceries, &c., and 150 tons coal.

THE SAILING OF THE DERWENT, SHIP.

The ship Derwent, with a cargo of 3954 bales of wool, 7274 bags of ore, and a large quantity of timber and sundries, will be dispatched this morning for London.

THE PERSIC.

The White Star liner Persic, which sailed from Sydney on Oct. 25 for London and Liverpool, via Capetown, arrived at Plymouth on Saturday last.

FOR NEWCASTLE.

The ship Clackmannanshire and the barque Battle Abbey were both dispatched from Melbourne yesterday for Newcastle to load cargoes of coal for foreign markets, the names of which have not yet transpired.

THE SUEVIC.

Messrs. Dalgety and Co., Limited, are advised by cable message of the sailing of the White Star liner Suevic, from Liverpool, on Friday afternoon, 19th instant, for Australia, carrying New York transhipment cargo, ex Celtic, and Canadian cargo, ex Campania.

PASSENGERS BY THE MEDIC.

Appended is a list of passengers booked by the White Star liner Medic, which sails for London, via ports, to-day:—

For London: Miss E. Llewellyn, Mr. L. Llewellyn, Mr. W. Reynolds, Mr. L. Lambert, Mr. L. C. Berger, Mr. J. H. Morgan, Mr. H. Forshaw, Miss Troutt, Mrs. Wyatt, Master Wyatt, Miss A. Wyatt, Mr. J. L. Allen, Mrs. Allen, Mr. W. J. Porteous, Mr. F. H. Bowden, Mr. G. B. Harris, Mr. R. M'George, Mr. H. G. Spencer, Mr. A. J. Hopkins, Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Hayes, Miss Macnamara, Mr. W. M'Farlane, Mr. F. A. Trigg, Mr. S. W. G. Rich, Miss E. A. Lance, Mr. J. O. Watson, Mr. E. E. Singleton, Mr. G. Moore, Mr. D. T. Evans, Mrs. Harvey, Miss Sheehan, Miss Cora Lees, Miss Blencowe, Miss F. Townshend, Mr. Alan Price, Mrs. Price and infant, Miss Nora Price, Master Lionel Price, Miss Lily Price.

For Capetown: Mr. C. L. Botteley, Mr. F. Roth, Mr. R. Parry, Miss M. W. Watson, Mr. A. Williams, Mr. W. F. Oakes, Mr. J. Shirass, Mr. T. Mateer, Mr. John Ross, Mrs. Ross, Miss A. Tourney, Miss E. Tourney, Miss Brown, Mr. C. Savage, Mrs. J. V. Smith and infant, Mr. G. Raies, Mr. H. E. Dowell, Mr. H. Simpson, Mr. W. Savage.

PASSENGERS BY THE VILLE DE LA CIOTAT.

The following is a list of the passengers by the F.M.S. Ville de la Ciotat, which will sail to-day for Marseilles, via ports:—Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Iseve, Mr. H. Dutriez, Mr. and Mrs. Laennec and child, Mr. and Mrs. Muel and 3 children, Mr. and Mrs. Caulry, Mr. and Mrs. Theriot and child, Mr. and Mrs. Petit and child, Mr. and Mrs. Jourdain, Mr. and Mrs. Castellani and 3 children, Mr. and Mrs. Gourdon and child, Mr. and Mrs. Coulon and 2 children, Mr. and Mrs. Fabre and 3 children, Mr. and Mrs. Lafage and 2 children, Mesdames V. G. St. Georges, Cheval, Messrs. G. Moreau, Viala, Lombard, A. Chatenet, Le Bihan, G. Martin, Turel, Ponson, Meneret, Boissel, Bonnet, Mugnier, Dandelons, A. H. M'Clatchie. For Colombo: Colonel and Mrs. Grant, Mr. and Mrs. Moitrier, Mrs. Dreat. From Melbourne for Marseilles: Sir Rupert Clarke and valet, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin and family.

PASSENGERS BY THE SOPHOCLES.

The following is a list of passengers booked for Natal, Capetown, and London by the Aberdeen liner Sophocles, which sails from Sydney to-day:—Mr. L. Bridgman, Dr. and Mrs. Cullen, Mr. H. Estinghausen, Miss A. M. Furlonge, Mrs. Geraghty, Miss Geraghty, Mr. P. Jepson, Mr. E. F. Lilley, Mr. A. C. Magor, Mrs. Slade Jones, Mr. C. Palmer, Mr. J. A. Ashworth, Mr. John Austin, Mr. Barclay, Miss Barclay, Mrs. Butters, Mrs. Callachor, Mrs. N. Cunneen and infant, Mr. G. Charragga, Miss G. Cunneen, Master H. Cunneen, Miss O. Cunneen, Miss E. Cunneen, Mr. M. Girdlestone, Frank Girdlestone, Geoffrey Girdlestone, Mrs. Girdlestone, Miss Maud and Miss Mabel Girdlestone, Mr. J. M. Gordon, Mr. R. Munro, Mrs. R. Munro, Miss F. Munro, Miss I. Munro, Mr. J. Mitchell, Miss Nellie Munro, Miss Maud Munro, Mr. M. M'Clure and infant, Miss Coila M'Clure, Miss Minnie M'Clure, Miss Janet M'Clure, Mr. T. M'Diarmid, Mr. H. Mullen, Mr. C. Riakaberg, Mr. B. A. Robinson, Miss A. Stephen, Mr. M. Ward, Mrs. Ward, Master William Ward, Mr. Wilson.

ARRIVAL OF THE NEW STEAMER VICTORIA.

Messrs. Huddart, Parker, and Co.'s new steamship Victoria arrived here yesterday on her first visit to Sydney. She left Melbourne on Tuesday, Dec. 9, Hobart Thursday 11th, Bluff Monday 15th, Dunedin Wednesday, 17th, Lyttelton Thursday, 18th, and Wellington at 10 p.m. on Friday last, the 19th instant, and she entered Sydney Heads at 8.45 yesterday morning, having made the run from Wellington to Sydney in 3 days 10½ hours, or at an average speed of over 14 knots per hour. Captain Waller, formerly of the Westralia, who has been given command of the new vessel, reports having on Monday morning last met heavy weather from the S.W., accompanied by squalls and heavy head seas. These conditions continued for 20 hours, and delayed the passage. Captain Waller is of opinion that had favourable conditions prevailed throughout the run would have been accomplished in three days and seven hours. Mr. Solly, late of the Westralia, is chief officer of the new steamer. The Victoria, which is intended for the trade between the Commonwealth and New Zealand, is almost an exact counterpart of the Zealandia, but is slightly larger. The Victoria displaces 3000 tons of water, and her principal measurements are:—Length, 335ft.; breadth, 43ft.; and depth, 21ft. 9in. when loaded. She is equipped with triple expansion engines, which enabled her to steam at the rate of 15½ knots per hour on her trial trip. The accommodation for passengers leaves nothing to be desired. Travellers will appreciate the placing of the saloon on deck. She can carry 162 first-class and 102 second-class passengers. The cabins, bathrooms, &c., are extremely roomy and comfortable, whilst the utmost attention has been devoted by the designers of the vessel to the important element of ventilation. The saloon is tastefully fitted, and capable of seating 72 persons in comfort. It is panelled in oak, and set off by a handsome stained-glass dome, which, while adding to the ornamentation of the apartment, ensures an ample supply of light. The Victoria is equipped with eight lifeboats, each capable of accommodating 50 persons. They are built of yellow pine, with copper fastenings, and with proper handling would probably live in any sea. The apparatus in use for lowering these boats is simplicity itself. With fall-away chocks and a wheel working in cogs on the davits they can be successfully and rapidly launched by the manipulation of a lever, operated by one man, and which is somewhat on the principle of those used for turning the points on the railways. During the maiden voyage from London the utility of this invention was demonstrated on several occasions, not a hitch occurring.

CARGO BY THE MEDIC.

The following are the principal lines of cargo by the White Star liner Medic, which sails to-day for London:—9630 bales wool, 728 tons concentrates, 92 tons alunite, 98 bales leather and basils, 240 bales sheep and fur skins, 6000 hides, 100 bales dry hides, 147 bags copper matte, 41 packages horns, 175 casks tallow, 52 casks tallow pith, 2184 bars lead, 3371 sacks copra, 180 bags candle nuts, 46 pieces timber, 854 packages kauri gum, 2034 sacks shell ore, 145 cases pearlshell.

CARGO BY THE SOPHOCLES.

The principal lines of cargo by the Aberdeen liner Sophocles, sailing to-day, are as follows:—2063 bales wool, 7200 bars bullion, 3233 ingots copper, 2200 ingots tin, 60 bags copper ore, 62 bales leather, 10 cases cigars, 20 bales hair, 620 cases oranges, 235 cases jam, 1020 boxes butter, 120 carcases veal, 100 crates poultry, 277 crates frozen sundries.

A VISIT TO TRISTAN D'ACUNHA.

It is seldom indeed that a vessel pays a visit to the isolated island of Tristan d'Acunha, and considerable excitement is created among the inhabitants when a ship is sighted. The Celestial Empire, sh., which has just arrived at Melbourne, called off the island, and boats were quickly launched from the shore. Two sheep from the ship were gratefully accepted by the islanders, who left on board several comforts in the shape of fruit and vegetables, so dearly prized by mariners on a deep-sea voyage. The visitors wished it to be known that all was well as regards the health of those on the island, and the ship squared away on her course.

THE WILCANNIA AND YARRAWONGA.

The Lund's Blue Anchor liner Wilcannia left Capetown for Australia on 17th instant, also the Yarrawonga departed from London for the States on the same date.

THE MELVERTON AND THE LICHE SPOKEN.

Captain Schuldt, of the German-Australian Company's steamship Offenbach, which has arrived at Melbourne, reports that on the fourth instant, in 42° south and 31°20' east he spoke the British sh. Melverton, Captain Sinclair, bound for Sydney, all well; also, in 42°20' south and 35° east, the German bq. Liche, Captain Williams, to Sydney, all well.

THE GROSSER KURFURST.

The magnificent German mail steamer Grosser Kurfurst created a great deal of interest on her arrival at Melbourne on Sunday evening last from Bremen. Fully 1000 persons were on the Port Melbourne Railway Pier when the Grosser Kurfurst arrived. The mammoth liner—she is by far the largest that has crossed the equator—was thronged with passengers, a great number of whom were holiday-seekers from Western Australia. The Grosser Kurfurst is a superbly appointed steamer. She was in Sydney when the Commonwealth celebrations took place in 1901, and was illuminated in honour of the occasion. The present voyage passed without interest, and was greatly enjoyed. She is due at Sydney to-morrow morning.

THE CAPTAIN OF THE WYANDRA.

The new A.U.S.N. steamer Wyandra left Sydney yesterday afternoon on her first trip from the southern capitals to Queensland ports.

Captain James Grahl, who has been given command of the Wyandra, pioneered the special fast mail service between Gladstone and Townsville, Queensland. It was inaugurated nearly five years ago by the steamer Barcoo, which has since been continuously running with extraordinary success. Only on two occasions was the "greyhound," as she is familiarly called, late, the detention on each occasion being caused by a hurricane. Captain Grahl estimates that the Barcoo travels 82,000 miles approximately every year in her present service, and, although her course lies through numerous islands and reefs, her career has been wonderfully free from mishap. Captain Nelson, formerly of the Moira, succeeds Captain Grahl on the Barcoo.

FROM THE ISLANDS.

The A.U.S.N. liner Birksgate arrived at midnight last night from Fiji. Captain Banks reports having cleared the group at noon on December 17, and experienced moderate to light S.E. winds to Matthew Island, light N.W. winds to Elizabeth Reef, and fresh to moderate variable winds from thence to arrival.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Tuesday Evening.

Business in the Stock and Share market to-day was particularly quiet, the reported transactions being in Tooth's Brewery at 30s 6d—a reduction of 6d, Bank of New South Wales at 40¾, and Hall's Mercantile Agency at 20s 6d. National Bank of Australasia rose 1s 6d, having buyer at 56s 6d. English, Scottish, and Australian preferred deposits were 1d dearer. Albury Gas had buyer at 20s, Australian Gaslight, weaker, being offered at 16¾, and Tooth's declined 6d, selling at 30s 6d. Richardson and Wrench, Limited, had seller at 12s 6d, and Hall's Mercantile Agency at 20s 6d. The closing quotations were :—

Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount of Shares.	Shares paid up.	Last Div. per annum.	Prices. Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.	*Yield to Investor.
	£	£	£	p.c.				p.c.
F. STOCK &c.								
N.S.W. F. S., 1892	549,350	...	...	4	104¾	...	105	3¾
Do. Act, 1873,	350,189	...	...	4	107	104	...	3¾
Do., 1912 ...	...	...	...	3	91½	91½	...	...
Do., 1912 ...	...	...	...	3½	99¾	...	99¾	3½
Do. deb., 1908	...	...	...	...	...	...	103	...
Do., F.S., 1925	...	...	...	3	91½	...	...	...
Do., T. Bills, 1905	1,000,000	...	...	3½	99	99	100	3½
Do., T. Bills, 1906	...	...	...	...	98½	...	...	3½
Queensl'nd T. Bills	...	...	...	4	...	101	...	...
Do. Deb. 1902	290,000	...	...	5	100½	...	...	...
Q.D., 1913 ...	...	...	...	4	101	...	...	3¾
Q.D., 1925 ...	...	...	...	3½	...	...	...	...
N.Z. D., 1913	300,000	...	...	4	103	...	...	3½
Ditto, 1914	...	...	...	4	102	...	...	3½
Col. Sugar—D., 1914—	...	...	...	5	111	107	...	...
City of Sydney deb. ...	...	...	...	4	108	101	...	3½
BANKS.								
Aust. J.S. ...	1,168,041	10	7½	...	...	...	...	...
Australasia ...	1,600,000	40	40	11	83	...	88	5¼
City ...	240,000	10	8	4	80/	79/	...	8
New Issue ...	160,000	10	8	4	71/	71/	...	9
Commercial of Australia	94,400	10	10/	...	5/4	3/6	5/	...
Ditto pref. ...	2,117,070	10	10	3	75 9	86/	...	7½
Commerc. of Sydney ...	1,600,000	25	12½	10	26¾	26¾	26¾	4¾
E. of Aus. ...	1,192,440	8	5	3½	56.5	56.6	...	6¼
Ditto, pref. ...	305,780	10	10	5	...	...	...	...
N. S. W. ...	2,000,000	20	20	10	40¾	40¾	40¾	5
New Zealand	427,319	6⅔	3⅓	5	65/	64/6	71/	5¼
N. Q'nsland	100,000	...	3	3½	13/	...	...	7½
Royal of Q. ...	451,307	9	6¼	3	85/	...	...	...
Union ...	1,500,000	75	25	8	97	98	...	6½
DEPOSITS.								
A.J.S. Bk.—Class A ...	...	...	...	3	13/3	12/9	13/	4½
Class B ...	...	...	...	3	12/	11/10	12 1½	5
Ditto Insc. ...	788,032	...	...	2½	8/6	8/6	9/6	6¼
Com. of Aus., A ser., 1898	965,482	...	...	3½	19/3	18/	...	3½
Ditto assets ...	3,400,000	...	...	3	13/3	13/	...	4½
E.S.A. Insc. pref. ...	889,418	...	...	3	†12/	12/1	12/3	5½
Ditto def. ...	828,958	...	...	4½	16/9	16/6	...	5½
Ditto Deb. ...	982,547	...	...	4	†17/	16/9	...	4½
Ditto Ter. ...	93,122	...	...	4	19/10	19/	...	4
Q. National	...	...	...	3½	11/6	...	10/	6¼
STEAM.								
Balmain N. Ferry ...	16,420	1	1	10	28/6	28/	30/	7
Illawarra ...	58,096	5	3½	8½	85/	85/	95/	7
Newcastle ...	100,000	1	1	6	18/6	18/3	18/9	6½
N'th Coast ...	151,250	1	17/6	8	22	20/6	22/	6½
Syd. Ferries	120,000	1	1	7	33/6	33/	...	4¼
Ditto, new ...	...	...	1	...	32/6	32/6	...	...
P. Jackson ...	25,000	50	25/	5	21/	...	20/	...
Ditto, Co-op.	8,745	...	1	2½	17/	...	...	...
How, Smith, ordinary ...	...	...	20/	10	...	...	...	...
Ditto ord. ...	...	...	5	10	...	...	...	...
Ditto Pref. ...	...	...	20/	5	...	...	...	...
Ditto Pref. ...	...	...	5/	5	...	...	...	...
INSURANCE.								
A. M. Fire ...	50,000	1	10/	16¾	32 6	32/	34/	...
Mer. Mutual	30,000	1	4/	18¾	12 9	12 6	13/	6¼
N. Zealand ...	200,000	10	2	12½	76/	...	...	7
N. Q'land ...	50,000	1	10/	8	...	...	...	...
Ditto ...	8,562	1	5	8	...	...	...	...
United ...	62,500	10	2½	10	74 6	73/	...	6¾
Ditto new ...	5,725	10	12 6	10	17/	...	...	7¼
GAS.								
Albury ...	7,900	1	12 6	10	18/	20/	...	...
Australian	681,798	6	6	...	16¾	16¾	16¾	5½
C. Towers ...	20,000	10	10	1	14/9	...	...	...
Goulburn ...	10,000	1	1	15	50/	48/	...	6
Grafton ...	8,000	1	1	8	28/	27/	...	6
Maitland Gas	15,800	5	5	...	...	6	...	...
Manly ...	10,000	1	1	7	23 6	23/	...	6
Ditto New ...	5,000	1	10/	7	12/6	...	...	...
Mudgee ...	5,000	1	1	7	19/	18/	...	7¼
Newcastle ...	25,128	2	2	15	5¾	6	...	5
Ditto ...	...	...	15/	...	78/6	75/	...	...
North Shore	100,000	1	1	7	33 6	33/	...	4¼
Ditto New ...	...	...	10/	7	18/	20/	...	...
S. Brisbane ...	...	...	...	...	...	11/	...	...
BREW'RIES								
Albury ...	10,500	...	10/	5	...	...	...	...
Ditto ...	4,000	1	1	5	...	...	...	...
Australian ...	48,000	10/	10/	...	4/1	...	...	...
C. and Wood Bros.' ...	250,000	1	1	4	10/9	10/6	11/	7¾
Marshall's ...	23,701	10/	5/	6	4/2	4/3	...	7¼
Perkins' ...	58,333	15/	15/	17½	37/	...	...	7
Toohey's ...	550,000	1	1	...	21/6	21/	21/9	...
Tooth's ...	900,000	1	1	8	30/6	30/	30/9	5¼
MISCEL'N'S.								
Aarons' ...	17,500	15/	10/	5	3/	3/	3/6	...
Aus. News ...	40,000	1	1	...	9/6	5/	9/	...
B. H. Water Supply ...	186,500	1	1	10	20/2	18/3	20/6	...
Burns, Philp	275,000	1	1	8	32/	...	32/6	5
New Issue ...	...	1	5/	8	8/3	...	8/3	5
Col. Sugar ...	1,872,200	20	20	10	36½	36½	37	5½
Dalgety & Co.	1,000,000	20	5	6	92/	87/6	92/6	6½
Dunlop P. Tyre	...	...	...	...	...	...	14/	...
Emu B. Rail.	100,000	1	1	...	3/6	...	...	...
Emu Gravel ...	34,000	1	1	5	7 6	7/6	8/6	13¼
Federal Coke,	12,370	20	20/	...	...	...	...	...
Do. Pref., ctg.	8,765	20	10/	7½	...	...	...	...
Malt Co., cont.	21,150	1	13/	4	13/	13/8	...	...
Mel. Trams ...	80,000	1	10/	...	17/3	...	...	...
M. de Piete ...	74,141	1	1	8	32/	31/6	...	5¼
Mort's Dk. ...	150,000	1	1	...	17/	...	17/	...
Ditto Pref. ...	45,301	1	1	...	18 6	...	19/	6
N. Food, Ice ...	165,114	1	18/	...	6 9	6 7½	7/	...
Fish and Oil,	75,000	1	15/	...	1d	...	...	...
New York and B. Tob. ...	15,000	1	1	10	28	22 9	...	8¾
Pern. Trust ...	25,000	5	2/6	6	1/11	1/11	2/	7¾
Perm. Trus. ...	25,000	10	5/	8	8 4½	8 3	8/9	4¾
Richardson & Wrench ...	60,000	1	1	5	12 9	...	12/6	8
Ade. Tram ...	197,800	1	1	...	50 9	...	58/	...
Syd. Hark. ...	20,000	10	10	6	12 12	12	13	4¾
Syd. Hyd. ...	75,000	1	1	10	32/	33/	...	6
Ditto ...	37,500	1	10/	10	16 9	16/9	...	6
Syd. Hyd. & O. P. ...	15,000	...	...	10/	16 6	16/3	...	6
N. Land Ord ...	...	...	...	...	100	...	103	...
Hall's M. A'cy	12,000	1	...	...	20/6	20/3	20/6	...
A. Motoscope	5,000	10/	...	...	...	14	...	...
LAND & BD.								
A. Mut. Dep. ...	...	...	...	...	4/1	...	...	...
Excel. Dep. ...	...	...	...	...	7/3	...	...	...
C. B. Dep. ...	...	...	...	...	14/	...	...	...
Haymark. D. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Inc. shares ...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...
Ind. Perm. ...	60,065	1	20	6	...	...	...	5¼
Interc. Pv. xd	35,958	1	15/	7	13/	...	...	7¾
N. Per. Land	...	...	...	...	3/9	...	...	...
Syd. & S. Dep.	...	...	4	...	7/	...	...	...

* Where dividends are interim the yield is based on a year's distribution, otherwise on the last half-yearly one.
† Net.

The Sydney Stock Exchange closes for the year after the noon meeting to-morrow (Wednesday) and will reopen on Monday, January 5.

On the London Stock Exchange on November 21 Australian bank deposits were quoted as follows :—

Australian Joint Stock Bank, "A" series, buyer 13s, seller 13s 6d—"B" series, buyer 11s 9d, seller 12s; Commercial Bank of Australia, "A" series, buyer 18s, seller 18s 6d; Commercial Bank of Australia, 4 per cent. pref., £10 fully paid, buyer 78s 3d, seller 78s 9d; ditto Special Assets Trust Company, Limited, deposit receipt, buyer 12s 9d, seller 13s 3d; English, Scottish, and Australian Bank Terminable Deposits, buyer 1ss; Inscribed Stock prefer., buyer 1ss; ditto deferred, buyer 14s 6d; Debentures 4 per cent., buyer 16s 3d; London Bank of Australia Deposits, buyer 19s, seller 19s 6d; Queensland National Bank Inscribed Stock, buyer 9s, seller 10s.

The amount of the clearances of the Sydney banks for the week ended yesterday was £4,042,283, against £4,483,899 and £3,504,634 in the corresponding weeks of 1901 and 1900 respectively. The total amounts since January 1 in comparison with the amounts for like periods for earlier years were as follows :—

January 1 to December 26, 1898 ...	£124,556,123
January 1 to December 25, 1899 ...	148,085,806
January 1 to December 24, 1900 ...	141,189,160
January 1 to December 23, 1901 ...	165,868,415
January 1 to December 22, 1902 ...	173,961,428

To date so far since January 1 the clearances exceed those of last year by £10,293,015, or 6·2 per cent. In Melbourne to December 15 the bank clearances aggregated £161,550,720, showing a decrease of £781,085.

The Government is doubtless well advised in limiting its issue of Treasury bills at present to £1,000,000, and it is to be hoped that in January next the London market will be favourable to their subscription. The drought having broken up, the conditions are so far more in the interest of the State, though the incident of the detention of the batters by disclosing objectionable legislation will certainly militate to some extent against the success of the issue.

The Tsinan, for China and Japan, takes seven boxes of gold, valued at £49,356, shipped by Chinese.

The extent of the trustee business in Australasia conducted by limited liability companies is indicated in an article in the current number of the "Australasian Insurance and Banking Record." The figures of 13 companies are summarised. They have paid up capital to the amount of £491,422, reserves £103,569. The net profits for the year aggregated £37,573, the dividends declared representing £22,999 of the amount being equal to 5·8 per cent. on the paid up capital. The total assets aggregated £562,734, of which £139,950 were deposited with Governments. The companies do not generally state the gross amounts of estates in course of administration, but four of them give these figures, the aggregate being the large sum of £13,912,298. And the business of these useful institutions seems to be steadily increasing, since this figure shows an increase for the year of no less than £1,222,892, or nearly 10 per cent. Seven of them, with a paid capital of £283,822, are in operation in Victoria, two with £50,000 in New South Wales, one in Queensland with £25,250, one in South Australia with £15,350, and two in Tasmania with £20,000.

Coghlan's "Seven Colonies of Australasia" has been brought down to recent date—the volume now issued being 1901-1902, and it is fuller than the last. Under the head of private property and incomes the total is given at £1,083,838,000, which is subdivided as follows :—

	£ 000's omitted.	£ 000's omitted.	£ 000's omitted.
Land ...	350,281	61,466	411,747
Houses and Permanent Improvements	277,524	49,639	327,163
Live Stock	85,048	27,184	112,232
Furniture and Household Goods and Effects ...	29,746	5,254	35,000
Personal Effects	12,066	2,318	14,384
Machinery and Implements of Trade, excluding Mining Machinery ...	29,852	6,121	35,973
Shipping ...	5,874	1,777	7,651
Mining Properties and Plant ...	32,299	2,950	35,249
Merchandise and Produce on Hand ...	59,711	14,021	73,732
Coin and Bullion ...	26,361	4,346	30,707
Total ...	908,762	175,076	1,083,838

The distribution of this property among the various States is given as follows :—

State.	Value of Property. Total.	Per inhabitant.
New South Wales...	£358,934,000	£265
Victoria ...	278,887,000	234
Queensland...	112,860,000	230
South Australia ...	81,664,000	227
Western Australia	40,402,000	230
Tasmania ...	35,955,000	208
Commonwealth ...	908,762,000	243
New Zealand ...	175,076,000	229
Australasia...	£1,083,838,000	240

Mr. Coghlan says the figures must be taken with some qualification, inasmuch as while the table shows the State wherein the property lies it gives no indication as to the place of residence of the owner.

Part XIV. of the "Statistical Register of New South Wales" deals with miscellaneous subjects. The revenue of the Railway Department for the year was £870,068, an increase of £38,728; the expenditure £790,783, an increase of £26,556. The cable messages sent from and received by New South Wales showed an increase, but the amount collected from them was smaller than in 1900. The amount of the money orders in New South Wales aggregated £1,637,488, being an increase for the year of £129,521, while the amount drawn on New South Wales was £1,669,730, being an increase of £128,195, the amount drawn exceeding the issues by £32,000.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat ruled steady at 5s 5d to 5s 6d for South Australian grain. There was, however, not much doing. Flour was also steady, £12 being the price quoted for either old or new. The declining market for mill offals has naturally strengthened millers' ideas of the value of flour. Their ideas are limited by the laid-down cost of imported makes. For February delivery bran is being offered from Adelaide at as low as 11d f.o.b. there, whereas for January delivery 1s 2d is the ruling rate. The abundance of lucerne, together with the increase in the natural herbage available, is having a depressing effect on the demand for these products. There was a steady demand for imported flour, chiefly from inter-state markets. Eighty tons of Kelly's Eureka sold for this month's and January delivery for New Zealand. Fifty tons of Lake of the Woods sold for Melbourne, and small orders were executed for Adelaide and Perth. Stocks of Manitoba on spot were light, £12 15s being asked, while £12 10s was accepted for parcels to arrive. Starr's California to arrive remained at £11 15s, and Washington White Wings at £11 5s per ton. Bakers are preparing to freely test an admixture of California and Manitoba when these are available.

The receipts of wheat and flour by rail at Sydney, Clyde, Homebush, Burwood, Ashfield, Petersham, and Newtown during the week ended December 23, compared with those of the previous week and the corresponding week of last year, are as follows :—

	Wheat. Tons.	Flour. Tons.
Week ended December 23	125	111
Previous week ...	11	191
Last year ...	7817	610

The receipts of wheat and flour during the first 51 statistical weeks of the last 10 years are as follow :—

	Wheat. Tons.	Flour. Tons.
First 51 weeks in 1893 ...	14,169	15,912
First 51 weeks in 1894 ...	12,144	16,766
First 51 weeks in 1895 ...	14,654	17,297
First 51 weeks in 1896 ...	17,654	7,613
First 51 weeks in 1897 ...	27,197	9,507
First 51 weeks in 1898 ...	89,970	23,697
First 51 weeks in 1899 ...	89,162	15,481
First 51 weeks in 1900 ...	128,722	23,853
First 51 weeks in 1901 ...	248,123	41,657
First 51 weeks in 1902 ...	129,423	27,767

The prices ruling to-day for wheat and its products compare with those ruling 12 months ago as follows :—

	A Year Ago.	To-day.
Wheat, per bushel ...	£0 3 11	£0 5 6
Flour, per ton ...	7 0 0	12 0 0
Bran, per bushel ...	0 0 9	0 1 5
Pollard, per bushel ...	0 1 0	0 1 6

IMPORT MARKET.

To-day's business was on the same restricted lines noted earlier in the week. The mails required attention, but otherwise there was a good deal of the holiday aspect about mercantile houses. Prices in the absence of business of note must be quoted as nominally unchanged.

Tea.—Small sales only were reported on the basis of late ruling prices.

Sugar.—This market was without change, firmness prevailing. The "Produce Markets Review" of London, November 15, thus describes the latest developments in connection with the sugar bounty abolition proposals :—"The announcement that our Government will introduce a resolution into the House of Commons on the 24th instant to give them power to act upon the Brussels Convention directs general attention to sugar. The expectation in the market that the abolition of the Continental bounties will lead to an ultimate and more or less permanent rise in values of 1s to 1s 6d is, in our opinion, well founded; but this rise may very possibly be exaggerated for a time if, as is quite possible, speculation sets in a little later on, say in the spring, when the extent of the sowings of the beet crop for 1903-4 is in suspense. It is to be recollected that in a comparatively short time, that is after the bulk of the beet crop has been made, the general stocks which have so long been immensely in excess will, on the contrary, show a heavy deficit as compared with the previous year. The price of sugar is undoubtedly low, and no one could call it dear were it somewhat higher, so that no one would be surprised at a considerable rise, especially in white kinds, the margin for the manufacture of which is obviously insufficient. We are speaking in a general way in anticipating dearer sugar, for about this time of the year is generally the period of greatest pressure from the new crop."

Metals.—Writing from Wales under date November 15 the local correspondent of the London "Ironmonger" thus describes the tinplate situation there :—"There is a brisk demand for tinplates. The shipments for the week amounted to 91,700 boxes, no less than 3000 tons going to Batoum and Odessa. The receipts from works were 82,600 boxes, so that stocks have been reduced by 9000 boxes, and stand now at 147,600 boxes. The returns for the past month show a total export of tin and black-plate of 18,110 tons, as against 14,743 tons in the corresponding month of last year an increase of 3367 tons, or 22·8 per cent."

Mr. Arthur J. Perkins, Secretary for Agriculture in South Australia, has issued an interesting report on the currant and raisin industry within the Commonwealth. He shows that the imports of currants and raisins into New South Wales during 1901 totalled 2966 tons, the Statistical Department not separating these two articles. Into Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, and Western Australia 2964 tons of currants and 1267 tons of currants were imported during the same year. As against these imports the local production so far has been small, but it is growing. For the production of currants and raisins there are as yet only two of the States in the field, namely, Victoria and South Australia, and to what insufficient degree our enormous imports bear eloquent testimony. Below are appended the figures affecting the five seasons under review :—

PRODUCTION OF CURRANTS AND RAISINS IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

Years.	South Australia. Currants.	South Australia. Raisins.	Victoria. Currants.	Victoria. Raisins.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1897 ...	...	354·85	28·18	582·80
1898 ...	43·35	208·40	23·10	661·70
1899 ...	56·65	309·50	51·65	898·95
1900 ...	152·35	269·90	165·75	892·35
1901 ...	130·35	407·35	185·75	1466·50

Jute Goods.—Quietness prevailed in this market with nominally unchanged prices. Woolpacks alone showed firmness. Messrs. Shrager Brothers, writing from Calcutta under date November 29, state :—

The gunny market has ruled steady throughout the week without, however, much business passing. Quotations are, nominally unchanged, but sellers are in most instances rather hard to find, dear jute and heavy exports of same making mills altogether disinclined to work for the forward months at current rates. Heavy goods are dull for export, but the country trade has been maintained, while the Bombay market has also worked off a fair quantity of twills for near delivery and the first half of next year. The colonies have taken a few more cornsacks and branbags for quick shipment and a small quantity of woolpacks for the season, while Burmah buyers have operated further in favourite make heavy C bags at the advance reported in our last.

Return of produce received at Sydney and Clyde, Homebush, Burwood, Ashfield, Petersham, and Newtown per rail for the week ended December 23 :—Butter, 112 kegs, 2771 cases; cheese, 205 cases; eggs, 611 cases; bacon, 93 bags, 245 sides; hay, 83 trucks; chaff, 10 trucks; wool, 2247 bales; sheepskins, 269 bales; wheat, 125 tons; flour, 111 tons; oats, 2 tons; barley, 27 tons; maize, 5 tons; potatoes, 98 tons; bran, 27 tons; pollard, 20 tons.

The Customs revenue received at Sydney to-day amounted to £14,091. The principal items were :—Stimulants, £4575; narcotics, £1103; agricultural products and groceries, £1788; apparel and textiles, £972; metals and machinery, £3144; oils, paints, and varnishes, £450; earthenware, cement, &c., £213; drugs and chemicals, £142; wood, wicker, and cane, £159; jewellery and fancy goods, £413; leather and rubber, £780; paper and stationery, £237; vehicles, £143; musical instruments, £39;

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miscellaneous, £165; harbour and light dues, £220; pilotage, £122; harbour dues, £15; excise on spirits, £145; excise on beer, £500; excise on sugar, £151.

EXPORT MARKET.

Butter and Cheese Receipts.—The following comparison may be made of the receipts of butter and cheese by rail during last week and those of the corresponding week of last year :—

	Last Year.	Last Week.
Butter, kegs ...	197	112
Butter, cases ...	3,970	2,771
Cheese, cases ...	890	205

Mother-o'-Pearl Sales.—From Messrs. Lewis and Peat's report, dated London, November 20, we extract the following regarding the periodical sales :—"Australian.—Sydney, Queensland, &c.: 1072 packages offered and sold at fully last sales' rates to 10s advance. Medium to bold, ordinary to good (two lots £10 17s 6d and £11 5s) £11 17s 6d to £14 5s; small medium, £11 to £12; chicken, £10 7s 6d to £11 5s; pickings (a few lots defective, £11 2s 6d to £12) £7 to £9 10s; dead and stale, £1 12s to £5 7s 6d; broken pieces, £8 17s 6d to £9 12s 6d.

Tortoiseshell Sales.—Messrs. Lewis and Peat report from London, dated November 20 :—"Sydney and Fiji, &c.: About 1190lb. offered, and nearly all sold. Selected heavy, 48s to 70s; small to bold, good dark mottle, 19s 6d to 21s 6d; small and medium, 17s to 17s 6d; pickings, good part, heavy, 17s 6d; ditto, ordinary to fair, 10s to 14s; ditto, common, 4s to 9s; hoof, bold, 10s to 17s; yellow-belly, 8s 6d to 12s."

Wool Receipts (Tuesday).—By rail at Darling Harbour, 1767 bales. At Newcastle on Monday last 35 bales of wool were received by rail.

LONDON WOOL MARKET.

LONDON, November 21.

Programmes for the sixth and last series of sales for the year have been sent out. Commencing November 25 they extend to December 4, representing nine working days.

The net available total is 101,000 bales, made up as under :—New South Wales, 16,500 bales; Queensland, 9000; Victoria, 12,000; South Australia, 3000; West Australia, 6500; Tasmania, 500; New Zealand, 45,500; South Africa, 8000.

After so long an interval and in view of the time to the opening series for next year, coupled with the fact that stocks at consuming centres are nothing like old time stocks, the total to come forward at the impending auctions is small. It will be seen that 45 per cent of these is New Zealand produce. This would have been a regrettable feature last year, but is not so to-day. Since then a good deal has happened. During that time many manufacturers have been devoting their attention how best to create a demand for a cloth in which all, or a considerable proportion, of crossbreds might be utilised. Happily, success has attended these efforts, and both for men's wear and women's crossbreds have taken on. Some very tasty patterns have been produced, and these now appearing come in at the right time of the year, and to make matters better, from a seller's point of view, the weather has quite changed round; but a couple of weeks ago, and we were told the weather was as mild as last May in this country. But things are different, and all over the Continent cold of a very severe type has fallen upon the land, and everywhere there is a demand for wraps and heavy clothing.

Everything has happened very opportune. The 'tween series has been for some London dealers a very good one, the quantity of wool recording total sales unequalled for over 15 years past. This, too, for direct consumption, wanted at once was the order. On the eve of a series this promises well, and naturally the importers are looking forward to a brisk series—short, sharp, and satisfactory. There seems nothing to prevent an absolute clean balance-sheet, as regards old stock, and the new year should commence with no held-over wools.

In the manufacturing districts there is quite a considerable excitement. Merinos are very firm, but still there is a good deal of difficulty to get beyond the 24d per lb. for 60's tops, but makers of these are very independent, and consider it would be folly to budge an inch, averring that these must be dearer, before the new year has far run. 56's also maintain their improved position, and are going steadily into consumption. When one touches counts below these, especially 40's, then there is a marked change; ½d per lb. advance is easily made, and ¾d is talked of. It is said that 9d has been touched for a 40's "top." The demand is so general that for the moment it is hardly realised that there is no great quantity available until the new clip comes to hand. It is hardly too much to expect a 20 per cent. rise on low-grade wools at the approaching auctions; ½d on 3½d per lb. is a substantial rise, but the market can stand it.

There has been quite a strong run on English wool, and America is an important buyer.

All this, upon a generally good year for importers, is certainly a boon, and fortunately for crossbred growers, and especially New Zealand farmers, it could not have happened at a better period, as far as the latter district is concerned, quite at the opening of their season.

It is to be hoped that they will take full advantage of the improvement, and so handle their produce as to be so much better off than 12 months ago. The prospect for 1903, from a grower's and importer's point of view is very promising. Fortunately, up to now there are no signs of speculation and in the best interests of the whole industry it is sincerely to be hoped that that factor will not overbalance sound judgment. The trade is still fickle, and any sudden and unreasonable rise in any class will kill a legitimate demand and improvement.

ENGLISH COMMERCIAL.

SILVER.

LONDON, Dec. 22.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 1s 10 7-16d per ounce standard.

Dec. 23.

METALS.

Copper on spot is quoted at £51 15s per ton, and at three months at £51 13s 9d.

Tin on spot is quoted at £118 per ton, and at three months at £118 12s 6d.

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

ADELAIDE, Tuesday.

Wheat was firm and quiet to-day, prices range from 5s to 5s 2d according to the size of the parcel and the time of delivery. Flour is firm at from £10 15s to £11. Bran and pollard are worth about 17d.

BRISBANE, Tuesday.

On the Exchange to-day Queensland National Bank was quoted at 10s to 11s. There were no sales.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

A small lot of new Victorian wheat on spot sold at 5s 6½d, but purchases can be made from the country on a basis of 5s 5d. Adelaide wheat is quiet up to 5s 6d; bran, 1s 4d to 1s 5d; pollard, 1s 7½d to 1s 8d; old Algerian oats, 3s 5d to 3s 6d; new, 3s 3d to 3s 5d; maize, 4s 5d to 4s 6d; chaff, £5 5s to £5 12s 6d; wheaten, £5 15s to £6; potatoes, £6 10s to £7. Onions are up to £5.

A moderate parcel of yellow sugar sold. About 250 chests of Ceylon tea sold up to 10½d. The prospects of the next Mildura raisin crop are reported good. 100 boxes of brown lexias sold at 4½d. 250 boxes of Queensland lemon peel sold at 5½d. Jordan almonds are 2s 3d. Ling is selling in trade lots up to 5½d. Considerable business was done in cream of tartar. Small lots of cornsacks sold at 4s 7½d to 4s 8d. Branbags are 3s 8½d. I.C. Coke tinplates sold on spot at 15s; I.X., 18s 6d. Quicksilver is 2s 7½d. A parcel of white lead sold at £25 10s for 1cwt., and £26 10s for 28lb. American kerosene is raised one-eighth of a penny, to 9d. Factory butter is 10d to 10½d; Western brands, 10½d to 10¾d; cheese, 5½d to 6d; eggs, 10d.

On the Stock Exchange to-day Colonial Bank pref. shares sold at £8 17s; Commercial Bank ordinary at 4s 6d, and pref. at 92s 6d to 90s; National Bank ordinary at 57s; Victorian Bank pref. at £10 8s; Australian Deposit and Mortgage pref. at 14s; Castlemaine and Wood's Brewery (Newcastle) at 10s 6d; Shamrock Brewery at 10s 9d; Melbourne Tram at 16s 6d; and Silverton Tram at 51s.

PRODUCE INWARD.

PALMER'S ISLAND, Monday.

The steamer Kyogle left for Sydney at 2 p.m. with 9 cases of honey, 2 bags wool, 18 cases eggs, 10 cases fruit, 35 cases fish, 13 coops poultry, 14 hides, 6 bales skins, 159 boxes butter, 10,000ft. hardwood, 3000 palings, and sundries.

PRODUCE MARKETS.—Tuesday.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

With the exception of brisk business passing in all lines of dairy produce, trade in general produce was on a somewhat restricted scale in most departments. Owing to the near approach of the end of the month, coupled with the downward tendency of prices, buyers, in the majority of cases, are content to operate on the immediate requirement basis until the markets have a more settled tone. Supplies under offer were, with one or two exceptions, ample for all demands. The chief changes in values were a rise in eggs and poultry, and a fall in bran and potatoes. In maize no alteration transpired, the inquiry being quiet at about late rates; no price so far has been fixed for the Katanga's shipment. Oats moved off steadily, as did other grain lines, at prices much the same as those ruling for some days past. Both bran and pollard were plentiful and quiet, especially the former, which may be quoted somewhat easier. Good stocks of imported chaff were on the market. The inquiry for all descriptions continued steady at about late values. About 300 bales of lucerne hay arrived from the Hunter River this morning. The market for this article was dull, with the majority of sellers anxious to force sales even at cheaper rates in order to make room for incoming supplies. Straw had a moderate amount of attention, as did oaten hay, at late prices. Potatoes were fairly plentiful and in fair request at further reduced rates. The bulk of choice samples moved off at £8, other varieties realising correspondingly lower rates. Choice onions sold well, inferior sorts being dull of sale at low values. In dairy produce trade was brisk. Butter had ready sale, as did hams and lard. Poultry had active sale, especially choice quality, which was scarce and dearer. Eggs moved off readily at further higher rates. Cheese was somewhat quiet, although export orders were booked for shipment to Africa and Manila in January.

Wholesale quotations were :—

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—Market steady. Pasteurised 10½d, prime 10d, good 9½d, inferior 9d.

Bacon and Hams.—Hand-cured, choice 1s, flitches 11½d, middles 1s 1d; American, 1s 1d; York

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Cheese.—Loaf, choice 7½d; medium to 7d, inferior and soft 6d, large choice 7d, medium to 6½d, inferior from 5d; Kameruka, 8d; Bodalla, 8d lb.

Eggs.—Local: Northern eggs 1d 2d to 1s 3d, South 1s 4d, Adelaide, 1s 3d to 1s 4d, suburban new-laid hen eggs 1s 5d to 1s 6d, duck eggs 1s 4d doz.

FORAGE MARKET.

Alfalfa Quinto.—£4 10s ton.

Oaten Hay.—Local: Prime to £7 15s, medium to £6 15s, inferior from £3 7s 6d; South Australian, derrick bales, £6 ton.

Lucerne.—Hunter River: Soft and inferior from £2 to £3 10s, good to £3 17s 6d, prime £3 fancy lots £3 5s. Railway, small bales, prime £3 15s, trusses £3 5s, large bales £3 to £3 10s, choice £3 15s ton.

Chaff.—Local, £5 10s to £6. Adelaide: Prime £6, good from £5 15s. Victorian: £5 to £5 10s. Tasmanian: Prime £5 5s ton.

Straw.—Derrick-pressed Tasmanian, £2 12s 6d to £2 15s ton.

FEED GRAIN MARKET.

Barley.—Prime Cape feed, 4s 8d malting, 4s 9d to 5s 3d bus.

Maize.—Local: River grain, 5s 9d, some quote to 5s 8d, inferior from 5s bus. Argentine, 4s 8d to 4s 9d, Island 5s bus.

Peas.—Grey 6s 6d, blue 10s bus.

Cleckwheat.—Local: 5s 5d to 5s 9d; New Zealand, 5s 6d bus.

Oats.—Milling, 3s 11d; feed, Tasmanian, 3s 7d to 3s 9d, prime to 3s 10d; New Zealand, prime 3s 10d, good to 3s 9d, inferior 3s 6d bus.

BRAN AND POLLARD.

Bran was quoted at 1s 5d, and pollard at 1s 8d bus.

POTATO MARKET.

Potatoes.—Local easier: Hunter River, wharf price, prime £7 15s to £8, others to £7 10s; railway, to £7 7s 6d, prime to £8 5s ton.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Lard.—Bladders 9½d, bulk 9d lb.

Onions.—Local: Hunter, choice, £4; others to £3 10s ton, inferior from 3s bag; inland, £3 to £3 15s, choice £4 10s; pickling onions, £6 15s to £7 ton.

Beeswax.—1s 1d lb.

Honey.—Choice 3½d, other qualities 3½d, for tins containing 60lb.

Turnips.—Local, £3 10s ton.

POULTRY.

River poultry: Fowls, inferior 2s 9d to 3s, others to 3s 6d; prime young, 4s to 4s 6d; roosters, ordinary 4s 6d to 5s; choice heavy to 6s; English river ducks, 4s 6d to 6s; Muscovy ducks, river 4s 6d to 5s 6d, drakes to 8s; geese to 10s, choice to 12s; turkeys, gobblers 16s to 20s, choice to 30s, extra choice heavy birds to 40s; hens, 10s to 17s; guinea fowls, to 5s pair.

WOOD MARKET.

Best foot wood, 11s 9d to 12s 6d, good 10s to 11s, inferior from 6s 6d; bundles, 9s to 11s; bakers' split, 9s 6d to 10s 6d; inferior, 8s to 9s; large bakers', 7s 6d to 8s 6d ton. No billets to hand.

REDFERN SALE.

Only a moderate supply of produce, chiefly potatoes, was forward for sale at the Redfern markets this morning. Competition was fairly brisk for most lines, the principal movement in prices being a decline in potatoes. A good sample of new wheaten hay chaff found a purchaser at 5s 6d cwt., while lucerne hay chaff was offered without leading to business. Oaten hay was cheaper, a fair sample of new hay going at 4s 6d cwt. Oaten sheaves had attention at 4s cwt. A trifle over 200 bags of tubers were forward for sale. The inquiry was steady at further reduced rates. Prime sold at 7s 6d to 8s 2d, and medium at 6s 7d to 6s 9d cwt. Onions were submitted without leading to business.

The offerings included 2 trucks chaff, 1 lucerne, 1 oaten hay, 1 sheaves, 1 onions, and 7 potatoes.

Among the consignees were :—Messrs. Ellis and Co., Dent and Perry, H. Prescott and Co., R. Hall and Son, E. Little and Co., H. M. Sutter and Co., and J. Bridge and Co.

Supplies were disposed of as follow :—

Chaff.—From Barnes and Stinson, Coolamon (truck No. 618), 5s 6d cwt.; R. Hall and Son, Newcastle (11,935) passed.

Lucerne.—From O'Mara, Hexham (2652) passed.

Oaten Hay.—From H. Howard, Blacktown, (9146) 4s 6d.

Oaten Sheaves.—From Bushell, Windsor, (7900) 4s.

Onions.—From Wellington, (9851) 15 FCP passed.

Potatoes.—From Cabramatta, (3870) 4 bags branded CS 7s 9d, 3 AS 7s 10d, 6 X 7s 7d; Canterbury, (11,532), 39 S 7s 9d, 17 F 8s, 14 B passed; East Maitland, (5029) 14 L 8s, 60 onions L passed; on platform, 10 LEP 6s 7d, 11 Y 7s 10d; Nowra, (2967) 22 bags ZI 7s 6d, 12 B 7s 6d, 12 Y 7s 7d; Windsor, (5817) 8 TC 8s 2d; Richmond, (8049) 5 HC 7s 8d, 4 A 7s 5d, 17 C 8s; Liverpool, (10,766) 11 TKL 6s 9d cwt; chaff, from Jewell, passed.

FRUIT MARKETS.

Good supplies of most varieties of seasonable fruits were under offer at the various metropolitan markets this morning. Business in all lines was fairly brisk, especially in choice fruit, which was somewhat scarce. Cherries, peaches, apricots, plums, and nectarines all ruled dearer. As far as other lines were concerned movements were few and of little importance.

Current quotations were :—

Lemons.—Small from 6s, medium to 9s, good to 11s, choice to 14s gin-case; Italian 11s to 12s, American 10s per half-case.

Strawberries.—Local, to 3s 6s per four-quart box, special lots 1s 3d quart box.

Apples.—Local: Allsopps 2s 6d, good to 3s, prime 4s; Lord Nelsons 4s to 5s, prime to 6s; Carringtons 3s to 7s choice 8s to 9s; cooking to 6s (jam sorts unsaleable) gin-case.

Bananas.—Fiji 1s to 8s 6d, Queensland 1s 6d to 2s 6d bunch; Fiji 9s to 10s, Queensland 6s to 8s case.

Pineapples.—Queens 6s to 7s, common 2s to 4s 6d case.

Oranges.—Local: Prime 14s, special lots to 16s, small to 5s, fair quality to 6s, good 11s, choice seedlings 15s to 16s gin-case; Italian 10s to 11s case.

Cocoanuts.—12s bag.

Tomatoes.—Local: To 6s half-case, others 2s to 3s. Queensland: 2s 6d quarter-case.

Cucumbers.—2s 6d to 4s 6d.

Apricots.—Small 1s 6d, medium to 2s 6d, good to 3s 6d, choice 5s half-case, others 2s to 6s gin-case.

Peaches.—Briggs' Red May to 2s, good 2s 6d to 4s, choice 4s 6d to 5s 6d; Devlin's Red, 4s 6d to 5s 6d, choice 6s half-case.

Gooseberries.—1s 6d to 2s 6d quarter-case.

Passionfruit.—Choice 14s to 16s gin-case, special lots 8s half-case.

Cherry Plums.—4s to 4s 6d, choice 5s to 6s gin-case.

Cherries.—Local: Prime 8s to 10s quarter-case, special lots 4s to 5s 6d per 12lb. box. Melbourne: White, choice 6s to 6s, black, choice 8s to 10s quarter-case.

Plums.—Evans' Seedlings, 3s to 5s; Tebbutts 3s to 4s 6d; Black Bullies, 4s to 7s gin-case.

Nectarines.—Prime to 10s, others 2s 6d to 7s half-case.

Mangoes.—3s to 7s case.

Watermelons.—Local 9s, others 6s to 8s doz.

Currants.—Red 4s to 4s 6d, black 4s to 4s 6d, damaged 2s 6d to 3s quarter-case.

Raspberries.—6s, inferior 4s 6d bucket.

Pears.—Jargonelles, 2s 6d to 5s gin-case.

MELBOURNE FRUIT MARKETS.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

In the Queen Victoria Market this morning fruits sold at the following prices :—Apples, local, 2s to 2s 6d per case; apricots, 5s to 6s 6d; cherries, 2d to 4d per lb.; currants, black 4d to 4½d, red 2½d to 3d; figs, 2s 6d to 5s per half-case; gooseberries, ripe, 2d to 3d per lb.; oranges, 20s to 25s per case; lemons, 20s to 24s; peaches, 3s to 8s; plums, 4s to 5s; raspberries, 3d to 4d per lb.; strawberries, 9d to 1s.

CITY YARDS.

Pigs.—During the past two sales days the market has been fully supplied with about 1200 head backfatters, baconers and stores being plentifully represented. The demand for baconers and backfatters was less active and in consequence there was a decided decline in values for both sorts, especially so for light-weight baconers. The available supply of porkers was sufficient for requirements and as competition for this class of pig was exceptionally keen, values advanced materially on late rates. Prime 50lb. to 60lb. sorts commanded very ready sale. Stores were well competed for at improved values, while sucking pigs reached the exceptional price of 15s 3d each, this being the record for the yard. Quotations: Big heavy backfatters £3 10s to £4 5s, extra weighty to £5, medium from £2 10s; best baconers to £3 11s, extra choice to £4, good and heavy £2 17s 6d to £3 5s, light from £2 10s; porkers, best pens to 57s 6d, good 38s 6d to 47s 6d, medium from 32s 6d, and light from 25s; stores, 11s to 32s 6d; suckers, 8s to 15s 3d each.

Calves.—The market was lightly supplied, 117 head being penned, prime quality sorts being more plentiful than usual. There were some very nice young vealers included in the offerings. There was a large attendance of the trade present, and the number yarded proving within requirements competition was active, last week's rates being improved upon for all qualities, especially so for prime young vealers. Quotations: Prime heavy yearlings £3 7s 6d to £3 17s 6d, extra weighty to £4 5s, good and heavy £2 17s 6d to £3 5s; prime young vealers to 51s 6d, good 39s 6d to 47s 6d, medium from 30s, and light and inferior from 15s each.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited sold over 200 head pigs at the following quotations :—Big heavy back fatters, £3 12s 6d to £4 10s, extra weighty to £5, medium from £2 10s; best pens of baconers, to £3 13s, extra to £4, good and heavy £3 2s 6d to £3 12s 6d, medium from £2 17s 6d, light from £2 12s; best pens of porkers to 51s 6d, good 35s to 45s, medium from 30s, light from 22s 6d; stores, 17s to 32s 6d; suckers, from 9s 3d to 15s 3d. Of calves they sold 29 from Muswellbrook, averaging £3 12s 5d; 33 from Singleton, averaging 44s 10d; also several consignments from the North and South Coasts.

STOCK TRUCKINGS.

The following truckings were ordered up to 5 p.m. on Tuesday :—For Monday, December 29: 322 sheep vans and 167 cattle waggons. For Monday, January 5: 305 sheep vans and 73 cattle waggons.

FAT STOCK SALES.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

In the live stock market to-day 32,000 fat sheep were yarded. A large proportion consisted of good and useful sorts. There was a large and representative attendance of buyers, including a number of graziers. Numerous drafts were secured by an inter-state buyer, and shippers operated to a moderate extent. There was an all-round improvement in the general tone of the market, and although the demand was irregular and not evenly sustained, yet in most cases prices ruled fully 1s per head in advance of last week's rates. Quotations were :—Prime crossbred wethers, 14s 6d to 15s 9d, extra 16s to 18s 9d, good 12s to 13s 6d, middling from 9s 6d; prime crossbred ewes, 11s to 13s 3d, extra 14s to 15s, a few 20s 6d, good 9s to 10s 6d, middling 6s 9d to 8s, inferior from 5s 6d; best merino wethers, 13s to 14s 6d, good 10s 6d to 12s, middling 8s to 9s, inferior from 7s, with merino ewes to 10s 6d. 10,000 fat lambs were penned. The demand was brisk, and a clearance was readily effected at 1s per head higher than the former quotations. Prime sold at 9s 6d to 12s, extra 13s to 14s, a few at 16s, good 7s 9d to 8s 9d, middling 5s 9d to 6s 9d; inferior and small shorn lambs from 3s 9d.

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

J. J. PITT.—At 29, Cross-street, Forest Lodge, at 10, Bedsteads, Tables, Chairs, Safe, &c.

A. O. JENKINS.—At his Rooms, at 10.30, Furniture, Oilcloth, Sewing Machine, Toilet Glasses, &c.; at 12.30, Pianoforte, Office Tables, Copying Press, &c.

MIDDLETON and CO.—At Hay and George streets, Haymarket, at 2.30, Furniture, Buggy, Clothing, &c.

E. H. BRODRIBB.—At 426½ Sussex-street, at 2.30, Piano, Furniture, &c.

EVANS and CO.—At Newtown Markets, at 3, Furniture, Crockery, Sewing Machine, Pictures, &c.

FARM AND DAIRY PRODUCE.

R. F. MURPHY AND CO.—At their Rooms, at 12, Dressed Poultry.

W. INGLIS AND SON.—At the Railway Yards, at 11, Cows, &c.; at the usual hour, Cattle, Calves, Pigs, &c.

HANDCOCK AND VICKERS.—At North Sydney Saleyards, at 3, Poultry, &c.

HORSES, VEHICLES, AND HARNESS.

W. INGLIS AND SON.—At the Bazaar, at 10.30, 11.30, and 12, Horses, Vehicles, &c.

MISCELLANEOUS.

At Engine-street, Haymarket, at 11.30, Engine, Machinery, &c.

LEAN.—At 366 Petersham Arcade, Parramatta-road, at 3, Tent, &c.

The Leading City Drapers, M'DOWELL and HUGHES, 382-384 George-street, give Co-operative Coupons.—Advt.

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

Business on the Mining market yesterday was chiefly restricted to Queensland gold companies, in which prices generally were steady. Barrier silver stocks were quoted at firmer figures in several instances, but the only transaction was in Broken Hill South Blocks, paid, at 4s 6d. Coal companies were a shade firmer, with a sale of Wallsend at £37, and in tin stocks Brisels were wanted at a slight advance. Charters Towers ventures were steady. Queen Cross Reef again had exchanges at 49s to 49s 8d. Queen Central, paid, were a fraction easier at 16s to 15s 6d. Marshall's Queen, paid, sold at 23s, and contributing at 21s 6d, while Victoria and Caledonia, contributing, as the result of a very satisfactory crushing, had business at 9s 4d, ex dividend. Gympie companies were quiet, the only business being in South Glanmire and Monkland (ex dividend) at 35s.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were :—

	Buyer.	Seller.
COAL.		
East Greta ...	24/9	26/
Hetton ...	70/	...
Newcastle ...	17/0/	...
Stockton ...	—	8/3
Ditto, new ...	—	2/6
Vale of Clwydd ...	20/	—
Wallsend ...	36/15/	—
Waratah ...	7/	10/
Wickham and Bullock Island ...	2/	2/9
Ditto, preferential, £1 pd. ...	4/	—
COPPER.		
Dottswood Freehold ...	—	1/6
Great Cobar ...	76/6	—
Mount Garnet Freehold ...	—	1/6
Mungana (Chillagoe) ...	—	1/6
New Chillagoe ...	8d	1/
TIN.		
Brisels ...	9/	10/3
Smith's Creek Proprietary ...	12/9	—
SILVER. New South Wales.		
British Broken Hill ...	5 6	7/3
Ditto, new ...	4/1	5/0
Broken Hill Proprietary ...	27/	28/6
Block 10 ...	24/9	26/
Block 14 ...	2 4	—
B.H. Junction ...	2/	—
Junction North ...	11d	1/3
North Broken ...	7/6	8/3
B. H. South ...	—	20/6
Ditto, con. ...	—	11/9
B. H. South Blocks ...	4/6	4/8
Sulphide Corporation ...	4/6	5/3
Tasmania.		
North Mount Lyell ...	21/	—
GOLD. New South Wales, &c.		
Ballarat of New South Wales, con. ...	—	8/2
Mount David ...	1/2	1/4
Occidental ...	—	10/
Woodlark Island, ...	3/6	—
Ditto, con. ...	2	—
Dredging and Sluicing Companies.		
Araluen Central ...	10/	12 6
Jembaicumbene ...	—	7/6
Jembaicumbene Middle Ground ...	—	7/9
Queensland.		
Band of Hope ...	28/6	29/6
Brilliant Extended ...	—	25/
Marshall's Queen, con. ...	21/	22/
Mt. Morgan ...	85/	92/
Nth Columbia and Smithfield No. 1, old ...	—	4/3
N'th Oriental and Glanmire No. 1 ...	—	20/
N'th Oriental and Glanmire No. 2 ...	1/9	1/11
No. 6 North Phœnix ...	—	1/8
No. 1 North Victory ...	—	2/
No. 2 North Victory ...	—	10d
Oriental and Columbia Consolidated ...	1/6	1/10
Ditto, con. ...	—	1/8
Oriental and Glanmire ...	—	17/
Papuan ...	7/8	—
Queen Central ...	15/3	16/
Ditto, con. ...	—	12 10
Queen Cross Reef ...	49/4	49/9
South Glanmire and Monkland ...	34/	36/
South Great Eastern No. 2 ...	—	60/
Vesuvius ...	9/	10/
Victoria G.M. Association ...	9/7	—
Victoria and Caledonia Block, ex div. ...	10 6	12/
Ditto, con. ...	9/3	9/5
Western Australia.		
Associated ...	32/	33/
Great Boulder ...	18 9	19/3
Ditto Main Reef ...	13/	14/3
Gt. Boulder Persever'ce ...	9/5/	—
Ivanhoe ...	—	7/5/
Kalgurli, Londn. Reg. ...	67/	75/
Lake View Consols ...	46/	51/
Victory United ...	1/4	1 2

EXCHANGE SALES.

The following sales were recorded :—Forenoon—Late sale: Vesuvius, 9s 4d. Noon: Queen Central, paid, 16s. Later: South Glanmire and Monkland (ex div.), 35s; Wallsend Coal, £37; Queen Central, paid, 15s 9d; Marshall's Queen, paid, 23s. Afternoon: Queen Cross Reef, 49s; Victoria and Caledonia Block (ex div.), 9s 4d; Marshall's Queen, contributing, 21s 6d; Queen Central, paid, 15s 6d; Queen Cross Reef, 49s 8d; Broken Hill South Blocks, paid, 4s 6d.

The secretary of the Tasman Ophir Company (Beaconsfield, Tasmania) advises that a sample of wash from the 300ft. level has been assayed by Mr. Alexander Orr, F.C.S., and gave a return of 15dwt. per ton.

Cope's Creek Dredging Company has declared a second dividend of 2s 6d per share on the preference shares in the company, payable on Monday, January 12.

The Mount Lyell Mining and Railway Company, Limited, has consigned 1301 tons of blister copper for the current half-year.

The Ballarat Stock Exchange yesterday adjourned until January 5, and the Bendigo Exchange will to-morrow also adjourn for the holidays, and reopen on January 5.

MINING IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

CANOWINDRA, Tuesday.

The Blue Jacket Company, Whip Shaft block, crushed 22 tons for 27oz. 14dwt.; Townsend Reef No. 1, 18 tons for 22dwt. per ton; ditto No. 2, 13½ tons for 17oz.; Simms's reef, Bruni Creek, 32 tons for 55oz.

HILLGROVE, Tuesday.

The Garibaldi tributers have crushed 13 tons, 9 tons of which was from No. 2 shaft adjoining the Eleanora G.M. Co.'s boundary, and 4 tons from the surface, for a yield of 14oz. 3dwt. Baker's Creek mine has stopped for the half-yearly overhaul of machinery and the Christmas holidays. The battery cleans up on the 24th.

KIANDRA, Tuesday.

At the recent discovery of gold near the town satisfactory prospects have been obtained by dollying from a large number of places along the main line of reef. The prospectors intend to thoroughly develop the property. At the Alpine copper mine the main lode has been struck, and excellent prospects are being obtained. At Reckmann and Fostrom's copper mine very high grade ore is being raised, and assays 31 per cent. At the Coronation copper mine stoping and driving is being pursued; the face and stopes look well.

ORANGE, Tuesday.

The new reef in the Phœnix mine (Parkes) returned 65oz. from 58 tons and the Dayspring returned 50oz. from 197 tons.

INTER-STATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Tuesday.

Sales and quotations on the Exchange to-day were :—Broken Hill Proprietary, 27s 9d, 27s 6d, buyer 27s 6d, seller 27s 9d; British (old), buyer 5s 7d, seller 5s 10d; Junction Broken Hill, 2s 2d, buyer 2s 1d, seller 2s 2d; North Broken Hill, 7s 7d, buyer 7s 7d, seller 7s 9d; South Broken Hill, paid, 19s 6d, 20s, buyer 19s 10½d, seller 20s 1½d; ditto, contributing, buyer 10s 10½d, seller 11s; South Blocks, paid, 4s 6d, buyer 4s 7d, seller 4s 9d; Sulphide Corporation (ordinary), 4s 10d, 4s 8d, 4s 10d, buyer 4s 9d, seller 4s 11d; Associated Gold Mines, London, 33s; ditto, colonial 33s, 32s 9d, 32s 10½d, buyer 32s 10½d, seller 33s; Associated Northern Blocks, colonial, 66s 6d, 66s, buyer 66s 3d, seller 66s 6d; Bayley's Gold Mines, 1s 7d, buyer 1s 7d, seller 1s 8d; Cosmopolitan, colonial, 16s, buyer 16s, seller 16s 3d; Great Boulder Proprietary, 18s 10½d, 19s 1½d, buyer 19s, seller 19s 1½d; Boulder Main Reef, colonial, buyer 13s 6d, seller 13s 9d; Great Fingals, colonial, buyer £6 11s, seller £6 15s; Hainault, colonial, 9s 4d, buyer 9s 2d, seller 9s 6d; Hannan's Oroya, colonial, 55s, buyer 54s 9d, seller 55s 3d; Ironsides North, contributing, 7d, 8d; Island Eureka, 4s 10d, 4s 11½d, 4s 10d, buyer 4s 9½d, seller 4s 11d; Ivanhoe Junction, 2s 7d, buyer 2s 6d, seller 2s 7d; Lake View Consols, colonial, buyer 48s, seller 49s; North Kalgurli, 4s 9d, 4s 10d, buyer 4s 9d, seller 4s 10d; Princess Royal, contributing (ex dividend, 1s), buyer 33s 6d, seller 34s; ditto North, paid, 3s, buyer 2s 11d, seller 3s; Queen Margaret, buyer 5s 9d, seller 5s 11d; Queensland Menzies, 8s 11d, buyer 8s 9d, seller 8s 10d; South Kalgurli, colonial, 17s, buyer 16s 9d, seller 17s 3d; Westralia Waihi, paid, 1s 10½d, buyer 1s 10½d, seller 1s 11½d; ditto, contributing, 1s, 1s 2½d, buyer 1s 2½d, seller 1s 3½d; Tarcoola Blocks, 5s 8d, 5s 6d, buyer 5s 5d, seller 5s 7d; Victory United, 1s 7½d, 1s 4½d, 1s 5d, 1s 4½d, buyer 1s 4½d, seller 1s 5d; Wallaroo, buyer 15s 3d, seller 16s; Brisels, buyer 8s 11d, seller 9s 1d; Stannary Hills, 8s, buyer 8s, seller 8s 1d; Smith's Creek, 14s, buyer 13s 9d, seller 14s.

BALLARAT, Tuesday.

Sales on the Exchange to-day were :—Berry Consols Extended, 46s 6d; Berry United, 10½d; Birthday, 35s, 35s 6d, 33s; Birthday South, 16s 3d, 17s 3d; Burnt Creek, 4s 7d; Duke of York, 1s 9d; Duke and Main Lead Consols, 1s 10d; Glenfine North, 3s 6d, 3s 10d; Glenfine Consols, 8½d; Kangaroo, 1s 6d, 1s 7d; Last Chance United, 2s, 1s 11d; Red, White, and Blue, 1s 2d; Reef Hill, 5s 3d, 5s 9d; Spring Hill and Central Leads, 20s 3d; Victoria United, 5s 9d; William's Fancy, 4s 6d.

BENDIGO, Tuesday.

On the Exchange to-day sales were :—Central Lady Brassey, 2s 8d; Cumberland and Phœnix, 2s 10d; Hustler's Reef, 27s 6d, 27s; Hustler's Reef No. 1, 36s (25), 34s 6d; John Bull, 1s 6d; Phœnix, 2s 7d; Princess Dagmar, 2s 2d, 2s 1d; Quartz Hill, 5s 9d; South German, 20s 6d; South New Moon, 121s.

BRISBANE, Tuesday.

On the Stock Exchange to-day Mount Garnet Freehold shares were quoted buyer 1s, seller 1s 6d.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Tuesday.

Sales on the Exchange to-day were :—Brilliant Block, paid, 8s; Grand Junction, 2s 6d; Marshall's Queen, contributing, 22s; Mills' United, 6s; New Queen, 4s 7d; Phœbe, 1s 9d; Queen Cross Reef, 50s 9d; Ruby, 3s 3d; ditto, paid, 3s 6d; Ruby South, 8d; ditto, paid, 1s 2d; Victoria G.M., 3s.

Quotations were :—Bonnie Dundee, buyer 9s, seller 9s 9d; Brilliant Central, seller 72s; Brilliant Block, buyer 7s, seller 8s; ditto, paid, buyer 7s 11d, seller 8s 3d; Brilliant Freehold, buyer 4s; ditto, paid, buyer 4s 6d, seller 5s; Brilliant Extended, buyer 19s 6d, seller 20s 3d; ditto, paid, buyer 24s, seller 24s 9d; Clark's B.W. and Victory, buyer 1s 10d, seller 2s 3d; ditto, paid, buyer 2s 10d; Craven's Caledonia, buyer 2s 6d, seller 3s; Columbia G.M., buyer 2s; Day Dawn P.C., buyer 2s 8d, seller 3s; Day Dawn Gold Mines, buyer 16s, seller 17s 6d; Day Dawn Consolidated, buyer 3s; East Mexican, paid, buyer 2s, seller 2s 9d; Grand Junction, buyer 2s 3d, seller 2s 4d; Kelly's Queen, buyer 2s 1d, seller 2s 6d; ditto, paid, buyer 3s 7d, seller 4s; Kalamadau, buyer 1s 6d; ditto, paid, buyer 2s 2d, Lady Florence, buyer 1s 3d, seller 1s 8d; Marshall's Queen, buyer 21s 9d; ditto, paid, buyer 22s 1d, seller 23s 6d; Maud St. Leger, buyer 4d; Mill's United, buyer 6s, seller 6s 3d; New Queen, buyer 4s 6d, seller 4s 9d; Papuan, buyer 7s 10d, seller 8s 4d; Phœbe, buyer 1s 6d, seller 2s 3d; Queen Cross Reef, buyer 50s 6d, seller 51s 3d; Queen Cross Extended, buyer 8d, seller 9d; Queen Central, buyer 12s, seller 12s 6d; ditto, paid, buyer 15s 3d, seller 15s 6d; Ruby, buyer 3s 1d, seller 3s 4d; ditto, paid, buyer 3s 4d, seller 3s 6d; Ruby United, paid, buyer 1s 10d; Ruby South, buyer 7½d, seller 8d; ditto, paid, buyer 1s 2d, seller 1s 3d; Victoria and Queen, buyer 38s, seller 39s, Victoria and Caledonia, buyer 9s; ditto, paid, buyer 10s; Victoria G. M., buyer 2s 10d, seller 3s 2d; Victory, buyer 1s 8d; Wallis' Day Dawn, buyer 4d, seller 6d; ditto, paid, buyer 1s 4d.

HOBART, Tuesday.

Quotations on the Exchange to-day were :—Hercules, seller 6s; North Farrell, buyer 3s 9d, seller 4s 6d; Lyell Blocks, buyer 6d; North Lyell, buyer 20s, Brisels, buyer 8s 9d; Mount Bischoff, buyer £36; Brothers' Home, buyer 2s 6d.

LAUNCESTON, Tuesday.

Sales on the Exchange to-day were :—Moonlight-cum-Wonder, 10½d, 9d, 8½d, 9d. Quotations were: Tasmania Gold Mine, buyer £4 10s; Volunteer, seller 3s; Magnet, buyer 20s; Hercules, buyer 5s, seller 5s 9d; North Lyells, buyer 21s 6d; Mount Bischoff, buyer £36 7s 6d; Mount Rex, buyer 1s 6d, seller 2s 2d; Pioneer, buyer 85s.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

Business in mining shares on the Exchange to-day comprised sales as follow :—B. H. Block 10, 25s 6d, 26s; South Broken Hill, paid, 20s; North Broken Hill, 7s 9d, 7s 8d; Crown Lyell, 8d; Curtin and Davis, 1s; Lyell Tharsis, 7d; Mount Lyell, 46s; Mount Lyell Blocks, 7d; North Mount Lyell, 22s 6d; South Mount Lyell, 1s 6½d; Copper Top, 2d, 2½d; Brisels, 9s 3d; 9s 4d; Brothers' Home No. 1, 3s 3d, 3s 6d; Glenfine South, 19s 6d; Great South Long Tunnel, 3s 5d, 3s 4d; Hustler's Reef, 27s 6d, 26s 9d, 27s 3d; Hustler's No. 1, 36s 6d, 35s 6d; Long Tunnel Extended, £13 5s, £13 4s; Long Tunnel North, 4s 9d; South German, 21s; South New Moon, £6 2s; All Nations, 4s 11d, 4s 10d; Berry Extended, 45s 6d; Birthday Tunnel, 14s 9d, 15s; Burnt Creek, 4s 7d; Caledonian, 2s; Cathcart Proprietary, 2s 2d; Central Lady Brassey, 2s 9d; Great Southern Consols, 8s 3d; King Cassilis, 2s 9d; New Dempsey, 31s 6d, 30s 6d, 31s 6d; ditto, paid, 30s; Quartz Hill, 6s, 6s 1d; Reef Hill, 5s 4d, 5s 3d, 6s; Sir John Franklin, 3s; Sloane and Scotchman, 2s; South Birthday, 16s 6d, 17s 3d, 17s; Spring Hill and Central Leads, 20s, 21s; Victor's Quartz, 14s.

GYMPIE YIELDS AND DIVIDENDS.

BRISBANE, Tuesday.

Reports from Gympie state that the No. 2 South Great Eastern has obtained 1744oz. from plates, and 2990oz. from crushing. A dividend of 1s, with a bonus of 9d, has been declared, equal to £12,600. The South Glanmire and Monkland crushed 2300 tons for 7438oz. amalgam. A dividend of 2s, equal to £12,000, has been declared. The Scottish Gympie return is 2122oz. The Australasian has crushed 96 tons for 37oz., Eastern No. 2 and 3, Smithfield tribute, has a yield of 335oz. and has declared a dividend of 3d. Dividends this month now amount to £44,675, and the total for the year £263,874, which is a record for Gympie, and may yet be slightly increased.

NEW CHILLAGOE SMELTING RETURN.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

The New Chillagoe Company reports as follows :—Queenslander, M'Ilwraith, and Penzance: Shipping ore. Zillmanton: Shaft equipped and work resumed underground. Hobson: Producing ore and iron stone. Boomerang: Producing good ore. Harper's shaft: Starting equipment. Open cut: Removing overburden.

Smelting return for four weeks ended December 20 is as follows :—Treated Chillagoe ore, 2479 tons; Mungana ditto, 1519 tons; Mount Garnet Freehold ditto, 284 tons; total, 4262 tons, producing 353 tons matte, containing 201 tons copper, 11,981oz. silver in the following proportions :—Chillagoe, 78 tons copper, 4952oz. silver; Mungana net 103 tons copper, 3129oz. silver; Mount Garnet net 20 tons copper, 3900oz. silver. The railway receipts for October amounted to £2921.

MOUNT LYELL MINES.

QUEENSTOWN (Tas.), Tuesday.

At the Mount Lyell Company's reduction works a No. 1 engine and generator of electric power plant has been fitted up, and this afternoon connection was made with the motor for driving the slag pump of No. 2 smelting plant. The trial was successful, all machinery working with the greatest smoothness. As instancing the economy effected by the use of electric in place of steam power, a saving of 11 men at No. 2 slag pump will be made right away and also considerable saving of fuel. A second engine and generator are being fitted up, and arrangements for distribution to other parts of the outlying machinery are well advanced.

At the North Lyell much inconvenience is being experienced owing to want of rain.

GOLD YIELDS.

All Nations' Consols.—12oz. 1dwt. for the fortnight.

Victoria and Caledonia Block (C.T.) crushed 413 tons for 1018oz. gold.

Volunteer G. M. Company (Mathinna, Tasmania), crushed 200 tons for 71oz. gold.

Mill's United (C.T.) crushed 588 tons for 748oz. gold.

New Pinafore Company (Tasmania), cleaned up battery and cyanide for 108oz. gold.

GOLD-DREDGING RETURNS.

Ovens Valley Gold-dredging Company, N.L.—Clean up for the fortnight ended 20th instant: 50½oz. retorted gold for 270 hours' run.

DIVIDENDS.

The following dividends have been declared and are payable on the dates mentioned :—

Brilliant Extended (C.T.), 6d, December 24.

Cope's Creek Dredging Company, 2s 6d (preference shares (January 12).

Mount Bischoff T.M. Company, 7s 6d, December 27.

Mount Lyell Mining and Railway Company, 1s, January 3.

Queen Cross Reef (C.T.), 1s, and bonus 2s, December 31.

Ruby (C.T.), 3d.

Victoria and Queen, 9d, and a bonus of 6d, December 31.

REPORTS.

North Central Broken Hill Silver-mining Company, No Liability, reports for the week ended 19th instant as follows :—South costean pit has been extended 18ft. for the week, total trenched 265ft.; no important change in the country, which consists chiefly of schistose intermixed with quartz. North shaft: This has been sunk a further depth of 3ft. for the week, total from brace 44ft. 6in. Country carrying more quartz and iron, with a little copper staining.

The manager of the Victoria and Queen Gold-mining Company, Limited, reports for the fortnight ended December 15 :—The No. 7A hanging wall level east has been driven 10ft., total distance from crosscut 70ft. In the end there is about 15in. of stone of good quality. The stopes at the back of the level show from 6in. to 15in. of stone also good quality. Footwall level east extended 10ft., total length 58ft. In the present face there is about 6in. of stone, quality fair. The stones off this level carry from 6in. to 20in. of stone of good quality. No. 8A level east advanced 23ft., total length 86ft., there being about 2ft. of good mineral stone showing in the present end. The stopes, five in number, display from 1ft. to 2ft. of good quality stone. Victoria and Queen reef: The stopes east and west of the rise keep about the same as last report. In the underhand stope there is about 15in. of fair quality stone. Quartz hauled about 220 tons, and treated 222 tons for a yield of 642oz. 15dwt. of smelted gold.

The manager of the Democrat Gold-mining Company (Cowra Creek) reports to December 20 :—Winze shaft: Northern tunnel connected with 100ft. shaft, making 150ft. from surface. Northern winze sunk to 50ft. level from tunnel. Am now stoping from both ends of this block; reel looks well, and prospects equal to 4oz. Crosscut at 200ft. level: Main shaft driven 6ft.; work delayed at this point by foul air. Have put up small furnace to get over this difficulty. Stone at grass and in transit about 25 tons.

The Manager of the Deep Level Mines, Charters Towers, reports for the fortnight ended December 14 :—The underlie has been sunk a further depth of 12ft., making a total of 38ft. in. Last report I mentioned 3ft. of soft formation on the footwall side. This has all cut out; 6ft. from the present face we passed through a vertical head with about 3in. of quartz. Since passing through this head we have lost all the soft formation. After passing through this we detected what appeared to be a little shaky ground, and on taking this down (we had to take 13 trucks before the hanging was safe) exposed what appears to be a well-defined hanging wall. The present face is dark red granite; very jointy, and is giving some trouble to hold. The soft ground is underfoot. I intend to keep the present hanging wall for some little distance. If the formation does not make again near the hanging wall, I shall turn over to cut it again. The water is troublesome in the morning. We have 10 tanks of water in the underlie.

The manager of the Royal Standard Gold-mining Company reports :—Standard reef: No. 4 level south, crosscut 8ft.; winze to meet rise No. 5 on reef from this crosscut, 3ft. No. 5 level, rise up 4ft.; total 36½ft. Coronation reef: Stopes carrying stone averaging 4in. wide.

The manager of the New Birthday Company, Dunolly, reports to December 20 :—During past week stoping has been started over the back of No. 5 level; reef, 2ft. wide, highly mineralised, and showing good gold. The winze below the level (in the bottom of which gold is showing in the stone) has been stopped for a few days to allow the first stope to be taken out, when the timbers will be put in and ground made secure overhead. At No. 6 level the south drive has been extended 7ft.; total from crosscourse, 40ft.; quartz leaders in the face. The recent rains have given a good supply of water for boiler purposes. Overhauling battery and getting things in order for crushing.

The manager of Craven's Caledonia G.M. Co. reports for the fortnight ended December 11 as follows :—Since last report Davies and party, over No. 6 level, Craven's reef, have about 6 tons of stone broken. Hermann and party, in the west from No. 4 level, Dunn's reef, have about 73 tons of stone broken. For the company, we have put up the rise from No. 7 level a further distance of 4 feet, making a total of 25ft. from the rails. The ground in this rise is very hard at present, but we have just come on a flat floor dipping in the right direction, and during the next fortnight we shall get a better idea of the prospects. No. 2 level has been extended 13ft. for the fortnight, making a total of 32ft. for the underlie. The reef in this level has split up into leaders running about 4ft. thick, of promising formation. The contractor has sunk the vertical shaft 12ft. for the fortnight, making a total of 38ft. towards their contract. The ground in the bottom of the straight shaft is in grey granite, which looks like footwall country. Everything in good working order.

The manager of the Queen Cross Reef reports for the fortnight ended December 18 :—The underlie shaft has been sunk 9ft., making the total 48ft. below the No. 4 plat. The reef is very much disturbed in the present bottom, there being only poor quality quartz leaders interspersed through 5ft. of formation. No. 3 level east has been extended 15ft., and is now 205ft. from the underlie shaft. The reef in this level is divided into two veins—1ft. of fair quality stone on the hanging wall and 15in. of heavy mineral stone on the footwall, with 6ft. of formation between the two veins. The rise to connect with winze from No. 2 level has 2ft. of fair quality stone in the face, and has been advanced 6ft., making the face 16ft. from No. 3 level. In the stope above No. 3 level the reef will average 18in. wide, some of which is fair quality, whilst other portions are white and low grade. No. 2 east level has been extended 11ft., and is now 417ft. from the rise. In the end we have 18in. of good quality stone, and the stopes above this level is still turning out a fair quality of high-grade stone from a reef averaging 2ft. wide, and a start will soon be made to work the hanging wall vein, which was previously caught up, the width between the two reefs being too great to conveniently work the veins together. No. 2 west level has been extended 19ft., and is now 48ft. from the rise. We have been driving through a large formation with leaders of quartz through it, but a solid reef is now making on the hanging wall and shows little mineral. No. 1 east level has been extended 18ft., and is now 522ft. from the rise. We have had 18in. of heavy mineral stone in this drive the whole of last fortnight, but the reef has pinched a little, and we have now 10in. of good quality stone in the face. In the stopes above this level the reef varies from 1 to 3 ft. in thickness. No. 1 A east level has been extended 18ft., and is now 64ft. from the rise. In the face there is 20in. of fair quality stone, and the stopes above shows 1ft. of good quality stone. Quartz hauled 890 tons, mullock hauled 1194 trucks. Quartz treated at the syndicate mill 805 tons for a yield of 2219oz. 19dwt. 12gr. of smelted gold.

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SPORTING INTELLIGENCE

THE TURF.

At Perth on Monday the Derby betting quotations were unaltered. For the Cup Novitiate was firm at 5 to 1. Avalon hardened a point, and the price was 7 to 1. The quotations for the other candidates were unchanged.

The following race meetings were yesterday granted registration by the A.J.C.:—Walgett New Year sports, Windeyer, Bibbenluke J.C., Currawan, Tenandera, and Bredbo.

The following scratchings were yesterday recorded in connection with the A.J.C. Summer Meeting:—Villiers Stakes, Caravel; Summer Cup, Caravel; December Stakes, Barbary; A.J.C. Handicap, Yuranigh, Sopia, and Kinglock.

Mr. Macken has named his black gelding by Lochiel from Lady Helena, 3 years, Scotch Thistle, and the following names have been registered by Mr. F. Foy at the A.J.C. office:—B c by Voyou—Champs Elysees, Revolutionaire; b f by Voyou—Colours, Drapeau; b f by Voyou—Countess Aberdeen, Jeanne d'Arc; b c by Voyou—Fairy, Garches; b c by Voyou—Blowingstone, Charenton; b f by Voyou—Skyflier, Montgolfiere; b c by Voyou—Codicil, Heritiere; ch c by Voyou—Tuileries, Mystificateur.

The card of the Summer Cup will be read this evening at Tattersall's and City Tattersall's Clubs.

There are 26 horses left in the Carrington Stakes after the declaration of acceptances, among whom are some fast horses over a short course, notably Kinglock, Lady Grafton, Purser, Bengalla, Bother, Clochette, Victory, and Pendant. In the more important race—Tattersall's Cup—to be run at the same meeting, owners showed a pronounced disinclination to pay up the sweepstake of 14 sovs., and the result is that only 13 horses are left in the race. Should such performers over a distance as Cyanide, Blue Metal, Lucknow, Steelbusk, Simile, and Circe start, an interesting contest may, nevertheless, be provided. Caravel, who went amiss in his preparation, was, perhaps, the most conspicuous of the withdrawals from the "backers'" point of view.

For the pony and galloway races to be held at Rosebery Park on Tuesday, 30th instant, entries close with the secretary, Mr. A. E. Bateman, at 5 p.m. to-day. The card appears in the advertising columns.

Pony and galloway races will be held at Kensington to-day, the first event starting at 2.15 p.m.

Tickets for the A.J.C. Summer Meeting can be obtained by those entitled to them up to 4 p.m. to-day.

THE MORNING GALLOPS.

At 5 o'clock sharp yesterday morning a start was made on the inner half of the middle grass track by Earnshaw, who sent Demure and Attendant five furlongs. They finished together in 1 minute 6¾ seconds. Cheroon and Cake Walk were not fully extended to run half a mile in 54 seconds, and Nest, who had the inside running, beat Bassini and Dumont by a length over five furlongs in 1 minute 6 seconds. South Head had much more to say than New Park at the end of four furlongs, run in 53 seconds. Belah accompanied Biddy Moriarty over five furlongs in fair time, and in a gallop over a similar distance Grafnia beat British Rule and Katoomba by several lengths in 1 minute 6½ seconds. One of the best gallops on the part of a two-year-old was five furlongs done by Lander, who carried I. Johnson and beat Lady Jewel; Kelp ran five furlongs in 1 minute 6 seconds; and Purser beat Santoi by half a dozen lengths over a mile in 1 minute 47¼ seconds. Devilment and La Simmer were not fully extended to run a similar journey in 1 minute 51¼ seconds, but Carwee and Bengalla, ridden out, ran it in 1 minute 47¼ seconds, a record that was equalled by Incision, who had a slight call over Redeemed and Wyena at the end of the trip. Jumbo B. beat Caravel, who pulled up lame, by ten lengths over the mile, and ran it in 1 minute 48¾ seconds, which was nearly a second slower than a mile done by Aurantia, who was going nicely alongside Rewina at the finish. Victory and Carraway each travelled over six furlongs in 1 minute 19 seconds. Silver Forest ran a mile in 1 minute 50 seconds, but Rejoice and Uneasy took two seconds longer over the same journey. Kinglock went well for seven furlongs, which he accounted for in 1 minute 35 seconds, and Torchon beat Laconia by several lengths over a similar distance in 1 minute 36¼ seconds. Bother did a six-furlong solo in 1 minute 20 seconds, and at the finish of a similar trip there was nothing to choose between Turquoise and Saltillo, who ran it in 1 minute 19½ seconds. Blackwing beat Arinus by half a length over six furlongs in 1 minute 21 seconds, while Famous and Tickler ran the last five of six furlongs in 1 minute 7 seconds. Lady Mary traversed six furlongs in 1 minute 19½ seconds, and Happy Days, who had the call over Hello, made similar time, which was also made by Find Out, who had little to spare with Scotch Thistle in the gallop. Capriform knocked off five furlongs in 1 minute 6 seconds, and William James ran a mile in 1 minute 52½ seconds, beating No Name and Vaulter. Long Tom and Loch Hart travelled over seven furlongs in 1 minute 34 seconds; Weronga ran six furlongs in 1 minute 20 seconds; Street Arab did a useful gallop over the same distance. Salvous, ridden by a light weight, ran right away from Steelbusk (Parker) in a gallop about once round. Steelbusk was ridden out hard with the whip, and for the last mile the watch showed 1 minute 52½ seconds. Ben Hur and Blue Spec beat Simile by a dozen lengths over a mile and a quarter, and ran it in 2 minutes 16 seconds, and old Loch Leven, the picnicker, carried a big weight and accounted for 10 furlongs in 2 minutes 18 seconds. Lucknow went on the outside tan. With Cordon he started off for a mile and a quarter, but he soon had the chestnut in trouble, and beating him by a dozen lengths he ran the journey in 2 minutes 11¼ seconds, carrying a light weight. Amyas ran five furlongs on the tan in 1 minute 5½ seconds. Keen and The Caretaker spent 1 minute 35¼ seconds over seven furlongs, and Suzanne ran six in 1 minute 20¼ seconds, whilst Bono and Fremida were 1 minute 7¼ seconds running five furlongs. Irondale (Chevally), Rising Fund (Huggins), and Champion (Burtenshawe) jumped half-a-dozen hurdles well, but Vocalist made a very poor attempt in a school with a good-looking grey trained by P. Ward. Vocalist ran off at four hurdles and got over two awkwardly.

MELBOURNE SPORTING.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

It is understood that Mr. Philip Russell contemplates retiring from the V.R.C. committee owing to ill-health.

V.A.T.C. scratchings are as follows:—Shoobrae Hurdle Race: Fusilette and Speculation. Malvern Handicap: Sans Peur and Miss Deerswood.

TATTERSALL'S CLUB.

ACCEPTANCES FOR THE PRINCIPAL HANDICAPS.

The following acceptances for the principal events to be run at the annual meeting of the above club were declared yesterday:—

FIRST DAY.

CARRINGTON STAKES—6 furlongs.

	st	lb		st	lb		st	lb
Kinglock	9	5	Bother	7	10	Pendant	7	0
Milos	9	5	Clochette	7	9	Rewina	7	0
Lady Grafton	9	2	Victory	7	8	Saltillo	7	0
Myall	8	9	Sentrona	7	8	Bivalve	6	12
Royal King	8	6	Turquoise	7	7	Euston	6	10
Purser	8	2	Point Piper	7	7	Ban Coontha	6	7
Bengalla	8	2	Lady Laura	7	4	The Lyre		
Capriform	8	1	Bello	7	2	Bird	6	7
Famous	8	1	Chippy					
Skein Dhu	7	10	Norton	7	1			

SECOND DAY.

TATTERSALL'S CLUB CUP—2 miles.

	st	lb		st	lb		st	lb
Cyanide	9	5	Postillion	7	2	Ossian	6	7
Blue Metal	9	0	Silver Forest	7	2	Ben Hur	6	7
Lucknow	8	8	Aurantia	7	0	Blue Spec	6	7
Steel Busk	7	8	Circe	6	10	Saltillo	6	7
Simile (imp.)	7	6						

ROSEBERY PARK PONY AND GALLOWAY RACES.

The pony and galloway races held at Rosebery Park yesterday were well attended. The jockey N. Scanlon was suspended from riding for a term of one month for disobedience at the post. Appended are the details of the racing:—

Flying Handicap (15.0) of 16 sovs.—C. Gallimore's Escape, 4 years, 7st 12lb (W. Lewis), 1; Imperial, 7st 5lb, 2; Brilliant Boy, 7st, 3. Seven started. Betting: 5 to 2 v. Triwand, 3 to 1 each v. Marquis and Dandelion, 6 to 1 v. Escape. Won by a head. Time, 52 seconds.

Fourteen-one Handicap of 20 sovs., 4 furlongs.—P. M'Carthy's Russley Rose, 9st 5lb (Evans), 1; Seashell, 9st 8lb, 2; Wavelet, 7st 11lb, 3. Ten started. Betting: 7 to 4 v. Russley Rose, 9 to 2 v. Wavelet, 6 to 1 v. Mulconda. Won by a neck. Time, 51¾ seconds.

Trial Welter Handicap (15.0) of 16 sovs., 4½ furlongs.—R. Harbutt's Merry Dance, 9st 9lb (Scanlon), 1; Lady Belle, 8st, 2; Special Wire, 8st, 3. Seven started. Betting: 7 to 4 v. Lady Belle, 2 to 1 v. Frivolous, 6 to 1 v. Special Wire, 7 to 1 v. Merry Dance. Won by a length. Time, 60 seconds.

Thirteen-three Handicap of 16 sovs., 4 furlongs.—H. Lipman's Bobadil, 8st 9lb (M'Mahon), 1; Goldboy, 8st 8lb, 2; Mirror, 7st 5lb, 3. Nine started. Betting: 5 to 2 v. Goldboy, 3 to 1 v. Bobadil, 4 to 1 v. Mirror. Won by a head. Time, 58 seconds.

Fourteen-two Welter Handicap of 16 sovs., 4 furlongs.—J. Lawler na King Bee, 9st 2lb (A. Williams), 1; Lady Margaret Botreaux, 9st, 2; Envious, 8st, 3. Nine started. Betting: 2 to 1 v. Lady Margaret Botreaux, 4 to 1 each v. Solberg and King Bee, 5 to 1 v. Federa. Won by a length. Time, 52 seconds.

Rosebery Park Handicap (15.0) of 16 sovs., 1 mile.—T. Bradshaw's Petrel, 7st 12lb (M'Mahon), 1; Cowboy, 7st 4lb, 2; Musket, 7st, 3. Six started. Betting: 6 to 4 v. Petrel, 2 to 1 v. Cowboy, 5 to 1 v. Musket. Won by two lengths. Time, 1 minute 46½ seconds.

BUNGENDORE RACES.

QUEANBEYAN, Tuesday.

The following nominations have been received for the Bungendore annual race meeting:—

Opening Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Elmo, The Palmist, Parma, Rosenettle, Gobar, Intrusion.

New Year's Gift, 1 mile 1 furlong.—Elmo, The Palmist, Parma, Intrusion, Rosenettle, Gobar, Umburah, Apano.

Hurdle Race, 2 miles.—Glenore, Result, Captivator, Primrose, Federal.

City Handicap, 1¼ mile.—Elmo, The Palmist, Rosenettle, Parma, Gobar, Umberah, Chiefswood, Intrusion.

FOREST LODGE PONY AND GALLOWAY RACES.

Following are the handicaps for the above races to be run to-morrow, Christmas Day:—

Fourteen-two Handicap, 3½ furlongs.—Tummy, 10st 3lb; Mystery, 9st 10lb; Amanda, 9st 7lb; Nellie, 8st 3lb; Lady Kildare, 7st 12lb; Prwa, 7st 7lb; Monte, 7st 5lb; Rosy Morn, 7st 3lb.

Thirteen-one Handicap, 3½ furlongs.—Ionic, 10st 6lb; Scraps, 9st 9lb; Queenie, 9st 4lb; Ivy II., 8st 10lb; Charlie, 8st 10lb; Roma, 8st 4lb; Merry Boy, 8st 2lb; Senda, 7st 10lb; Inquisitive, 7st 10lb; Lillian, 7st 7lb.

Fifteen-hands Handicap, 4 furlongs.—Paddy, 10st 2lb; Kohine, 9st 4lb; Tummy, 8st 10lb; Belle, 8st 10lb; Romping Girl, 8st 6lb; Mystery, 8st 6lb; Prim, 7st 10lb.

Fourteen-hands Welter Handicap, 3½ furlongs.—Amanda, 11st 5lb; Miss Oracle, 9st 12lb; Falcon, 9st; Jealousy, 8st 12lb; Marie Lloyd, 8st 12lb; Rag Picker, 8st 7lb; Friendship, 8st 7lb; Darklight, 8st 7lb; Shoofly, 8st 5lb; Barcarolle, 8st 4lb; Highlander, 8st 2lb; Scraps, 8st; Sam, 8st.

Thirteen-two Handicap, 3½ furlongs.—Patch, 8st 8lb; Bessie, 9st 7lb; The Wood, 9st; Scraps, 8st 11lb; Queenie, 8st 6lb; Jimmy II., 8st 3lb; Merry Minnie, 7st 12lb; Magnet, 7st 9lb; Mystery II., 7st 9lb; Merry Boy, 7st 9lb; Bala, 7st 7lb.

Forest Lodge Handicap (all horses), 5½ furlongs.—Slogger, 11st 1lb; O.K. II., 10st 8lb; Paddy, 8st 12lb; Bus, 9st 2lb; Kohine, 9st; Tummy, 8st 7lb; Belle, 8st 7lb; Romping Girl, 8st 6lb; Mystery, 8st 8lb; Rusty, 7st 12lb; Prim, 7st 9lb; Au Revoir II., 7st 3lb.

CRICKET.

LORD HAWKE'S TEAM.

PROBABLE MATCH AT SYDNEY.

There is some likelihood that a match between Lord Hawke's team and New South Wales will be played. Mr. P. K. Bowden, the secretary of the New South Wales C.A., has had a visit from Mr. M. R. Jamieson, who travelled from America to Sydney by the Ventura, which conveyed the Englishmen to Auckland, and he informed Mr. Bowden that the Englishmen were disappointed that terms had not been accepted for some matches in Australia, that Melbourne had offered £300, but that New South Wales had offered nothing. Mr. Bowden replied that the New South Wales Association had not been approached as to terms, and that it would welcome a match against Lord Hawke's team. Mr. Jamieson wired to Mr. Warner, captain of the team, to that effect, and since then a cable message has been received from the English captain, and now negotiations as to terms are pending. It is therefore quite probable that a match will be played at Sydney after all.

N.S.W. PARLIAMENT v. NORTHERN SUBURBS MUNICIPALITIES.

The above match was played on the North Sydney Oval on Monday afternoon, when the local team suffered defeat by 144 runs. The local Mayor (Mr. Hodgson) captained the home team, and Mr. E. W. Quirk (Mayor, Manly), Parliament. The latter won the toss and decided to go to the wicket first, and were not disposed of until they had compiled 228 runs, J. Storey batting well for 131 not out. The local team, owing to the fine bowling of W. J. Ferguson, were disposed of for 84 runs. Following are the scores:—

Parliament.—First Innings.

J. Storey, not out	131
D. R. Hall, b Hardie	1
J. Nobbs, b Hardie	4
E. W. Quirk, c Hadden, b Hardie	7
W. Hildebrandt, c Hodgson, b Milson	8
W. J. Ferguson, run out	12
C. W. Oakes, lbw, b Redgrave	27
K. M. Clark, lbw, b Hardie	24
G. S. Briner, b Redgrave	5
F. Flowers, st Hadden, b Hardie	3
W. Cooper, c Milson, b Redgrave	1
Sundries	5
Total	228

Northern Suburbs Municipalities.—First Innings.

Hardie, b Ferguson	11
Hadden, st Hall, b Ferguson	24
Catt, b Ferguson	4
Redgrave, c Hildebrandt, b Storey	9
Milson, c Ferguson, b Storey	29
Bastian, c Quirk, b Ferguson	3
Petrie, b Storey	[illegible]
Jerome, c Clark, b Ferguson	1
Kay, c Hildebrandt, b Ferguson	0
Hodgson, b Ferguson	0
Carter, not out	1
Sundries	1
Total	84

BARRISTERS v. SOLICITORS.

The annual match between the Barristers and Solicitors was played at the Rushcutter Bay Oval on Monday, when the former won by an innings and 146 runs. The following are the scores:—

The Bar.—First Innings.

W. D. Merewether, b S. Ridge	0
H. Stephen, c Payten, b Ridge	107
W. C. Wentworth, c Payten, b Ridge	7
H. Manning, c L. Stephen, b Williamson	25
R. Innes, std Arnold, b Ridge	17
G. Innes, c Arnold, b Williamson	9
Arthur Macarthur, c O'Donnell, b Ridge	52
C. E. Weigall, b O'Donnell	24
C. Manning, b O'Donnell	4
H. Merewether, not out	14
Watson, c Manning, b O'Donnell	0
Byes	36
Total	295

Solicitors.—First Innings.

Payten, b W. Merewether	0
L. Stephen, b W. Merewether	6
L. Johnson, c and b H. Manning	17
Whatmore, b Merewether	11
P. J. O'Donnell, lbw, b Merewether	0
Hickson, c Manning, b Merewether	0
Ridge, b Merewether	4
J. Williamson, c Macarthur, b H. Stephen	28
J. Manning, b Merewether	2
R. Simpson, b Stephen	3
Arnold, not out	2
Sundries	11
Total	81

Solicitors.—Second Innings.

L. Stephen, b H. Stephen	38
J. Williamson, run out	2
Hickson, b H. Stephen	6
S. Ridge, b H. Stephen	0
Arnold, b H. Stephen	1
P. J. O'Donnell, b H. Merewether	12
C. Manning, not out	0
R. Simpson, b H. Stephen	6
Johnson, st, b H. Merewether	3
Payten, absent	0
Whatmore, absent	0
Total	66

Glenwood, 114 (Dive 45), defeated Manly Veterans at Manly by 48 runs. For the winners Dive obtained eight wickets for 23.

Wayfarers, seven for 126 (C. Jones 35, A. Jones 25), played a draw with Randwick Electorate, five for 47.

Newtown Congregational C.C. v. Macdonaldtown C.C., Western Suburbs competition. The former scored 148 (Rigg 31, Cole 29), the latter 180 (Johnson 53, Alcock 28).

ALBION PARK, Tuesday.

A cricket match was played here to-day between Shellharbour and Albion Park Juniors, the former winning by one run.

LAWN TENNIS.

ST. ALBANS TOURNAMENT.

The finals of the local tennis tournament were finished on Saturday afternoon, and resulted as follows:—

Ladies' Singles.

Miss M. Chapman beat Miss M. Jurd, 6-4.

Gentlemen's Singles.

Mr. A. Jurd beat Mr. A. Hearne, 6-3.

Mixed Doubles.

Miss Thompson and Mr. A. Phillips beat Mrs. Kirkpatrick and Mr. Kirkpatrick, 6-2.

CYCLING.

The racing cyclists Martin and Palmer left Melbourne by the steamer Mokoia last week for New Zealand, where they intend spending the next two months picking up health and dollars. Martin took his ... h.p. motor pacing machine with him, and will give the New Zealanders a taste of up-to-date motor pacing. R. Connell, the New Zealand rider, who has been racing in the eastern States during the past few months with but poor success, returned home by the same boat.

The New Zealand Wheel Race, of two miles, worth £50 first prize, was run in Christchurch last Saturday afternoon, and resulted in a win for G. Sutherland off scratch. Time, 4 minutes 40 seconds. Sutherland raced in Australia with considerable success 12 months back.

F. Beauchamp and G. Morgan have been selected as the most likely Australian riders to develop into crack pace followers, and they will be invited to race the two continental flyers, Robl and Dickentmann, at a race meeting which the Melbourne Bicycle Club proposes holding at the latter end of January or early in February, on either the Friendly Societies' or St. Kilda track.

A beautiful little pacing and racing motor cycle has just been completed by E. Beauchamp (Prahran) that is likely to test the speed capacities of even the Sydney and Adelaide tracks. The motor is about 4 horse-power, the whole machine weighing about 120lb. The cycle is certainly the neatest and most compact yet seen on Australian tracks. It is fitted with 26in. wheels and Dunlop motor tyres. The machine will more than likely make its first public appearance in the A.N.A. motor race at the Melbourne Exhibition track on January 26.

The name of A. O'Brien, the League secretary, was omitted from the lists of entrants for the January carnival. He has entered for all events, including the motor race. In the motor race Mr. O'Brien will ride a 4½-h.p. motor just landed by Mr. R. G. Knowles, of the Rudge-Whitworth agency. Several entries have been received for the motor race, which will probably be run on the last day of the carnival.

Among the backmarkers entered for the January carnival may be noticed the names of S. E. Gordon (the speedy Victorian sprinter), G. Sutherland (of New Zealand), and W. C. Jackson and W. M'Donald (of Victoria). Gordon, who rode brilliantly on his last appearance in Sydney, has not raced here for some time, but is reported to be in first-class form. Sutherland has just annexed the latest New Zealand big handicap from scratch, and is riding up to his old-time championship form, when he was recognised as the crack rider of Maoriland. Both M'Donald and Jackson have not appeared in Sydney for some time. As they are both in top condition they will probably trouble Walker and Taylor in the big scratch events.

While the training operations were at their height on Monday afternoon the visiting champion, "Major" Taylor, paid his first visit to the Sydney Cricket Ground track. He expressed himself as pleased with the track and ground, but did not do any work. He will start work to-day, but will probably confine himself to steady riding. He intends to go on twice daily, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. He is a little more hopeful of obtaining condition than when he first landed, and will most likely be a regular attendant at the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium during his stay here.

Riders are now settling down in earnest with their training work on the cricket ground track. On Monday Megson was first on, and followed the motor for 10 laps at about 1.55 per mile. J. Crowell also followed the motor in good style, doing some laps in 34 seconds. Most of the riders present took the motor in turns, but Foster, Crowell, M'Lean, and Drinkwater appeared to be the best of the bunch in training.

A race meeting will be held at Singleton on January 26.

The Emmaville club has applied to the League council for sanction for a race meeting to be held on Boxing Day.

The Coolamon club will hold a race meeting on January 26.

BOWLS.

ST. LEONARD'S BOWLING CLUB.

CHAMPIONSHIP MEDAL.

The first round of the competition for the championship medal has been completed on the St. Leonards green, and was productive of some close and interesting games, noteably those between Walker and Arthur, Saddington and Cornwell, and Perry and Hobson. The following are the results:—

O. Clews, 31, beat F. A. Winter, 22; J. Jervis, 31, beat H. Hillier, 18; C. Eveston, 31, beat T. Mead, 25; J. B. Moore, 31, beat J. Carlaw, 22; Howard, 31, beat Captain Thompson, 18; E. Smith, 31, beat G. Reeves, 16; J. Walker, 31, beat G. S. Arthur, 29; A. Saddington, 31, beat S. Cornwell, 28; J. C. Groth, 31, beat J. Thomson, 21; W. H. Perry, 31, beat J. Hobson, 29; E. Fox, 31, beat Cook, 26. Glacken and J. Halstead received byes.

The following is the draw for the second round:—Fox v. Eveston, Groth v. Glacken, Moore v. Howard, Walker v. Clews, Saddington v. Jervis, Smith v. Halstead, and Perry a bye.

MIDDLE HARBOUR REGATTA.

The secretary of the Middle Harbour Regatta announces that the closing of the entries of the various races has been postponed till Saturday next. Entries will be received by Mr. Beach, Cafe Francais, George-street, up till 10 p.m. on that date.

SAILING.

A NEW 30FT. FAST CRUISER.

Yesterday there was launched from H. T. Green's yacht building yard, Lavender Bay, a handsome specimen of the popular 30ft. fast cruiser class. She was designed under the present Y.R.A. rule by the renowned William Fife, of Fairlie, for Mr. T. W. Bremner. Cruising qualities called for first consideration, so she is strongly built, gunmetal floors being used fore and aft. The planking is of cedar in two thicknesses laid longitudinally, her grown frames are ti-tree with bent elm timbers between, keel and sternpost are of spotted gum, and stem of ti-tree. The deck is laid with sugar pine and canvas covered. The deck-fittings are of teak. She has the most modern form of profile, the long raking keel extending right to the sternpost, which is the deepest point. Her appearance quite justifies the general opinion that she will be one of the speediest of her class, and this is pretty well assured when the recent successes of her designer in this class of craft are considered. On deck there is a neat low coach-house fitted with two ports; aft is the steering well, separated from the companion by about 2ft. of deck, which allows the deck beams being carried right across, giving great strength where it is much needed. Forward of the mast is a hinged fore-hatch. Below the arrangements are very convenient, right aft under the steering-well is the sail locker, on each side of it are two fixed berths. The cabin itself is about 11ft. long, and has some 5ft. 9in. head-room, and is fitted with sofa beds, drawers, lockers, shelves, &c. The forecastle is completely shut off from the cabin by a bulkhead, and contains a platform for stove and the usual galley appurtenances, besides a cot for a man.

The finish of the boat is excellent, every little detail being perfectly attended to, and, as a whole, better work could not be wished for. The sails are by Messrs. Ratsey and Lapthorne. The rigging was made locally by J. Wrixton, of Careening Cove, and is, as usual, of the best. The launching ceremony was performed by Mrs. Fetherick, a daughter of the builder, who broke the customary bottle over the bows and gracefully named the new craft Scotia. After the launch an adjournment was made to the building shed, where success was drunk to the new craft. The following dimensions, &c., will be of interest:—L.O.A. 43ft. 7in.; L.W.L., 28ft. 7½in.; beam, 7ft. 9½in.; draught, 5ft. 4¾in.; sail area, 974 square ft.; lead keel, 3¾ tons.

ROWING.

Messrs. A. J. Turner, T. Cannis, and F. Leggatt, of North Sydney, rowed a three-pair sculling boat from High-street wharf, Neutral Bay, to the lighthouse on Barranjoey Head, the entrance to Broken Bay, in 4 hours 11 minutes. They started at 1 a.m. on Sunday last, and reached North Head in the first hour. Long Reef was made in a few minutes under two hours. Good progress was made until the cross current was met three miles from the lighthouse. A spell was then taken, and a few fish caught. Later in the day the boat was rowed to Brooklyn, and the scullers returned to Sydney by rail. The boat is 24ft. long and 4ft. beam. It is believed this is a record row for the distance in the time. The sea was smooth until nearing the end of the trip, when it was short and choppy. The distance is about 26 miles.

On July 26, 1873, Messrs. R. Teece, T. H. Hale, W. Cope, J. E. Myers, M. H. Fitzhardinge, and Judge Fitzhardinge rowed a six-pair sculling boat (which was built for the "Sydney Morning Herald") from Circular Quay to Broken Bay in 4½ hours, and rowed back next day in 7¾ hours. This boat was 35ft. long, and about 5ft. beam, shaped like a whaleboat. It was broken up at the Mercantile clubhouse about two years ago.

SWIMMING.

MOSMAN CLUB.

The above club held two handicaps on Saturday afternoon at Shearer's Balmoral Baths, in the presence of a large number of local residents. The results were:—

150 Yards Team Race.—Fry, Lutge, and Humphreys, 1.

100 Yards Handicap.—First heat: G. Gregson, 1; R. Pike, 2. Second heat: B. Armstrong, 1; R. Fry, 2. Third heat: H. Holloway, 1; G. Hellmrich, 2. Fourth heat: R. Pickering, 1; H. Jones, 2. Fifth heat: D. Lutge, 1; C. Malley, 2. Final: H. Holloway, 1; B. Armstrong, 2; G. Gregson, 3. Half a yard separated the five finishers in the final.

At a meeting of members of the recently-formed Sydney Ladies' Swimming Club it was announced that Lady Rawson has been pleased to extend her patronage to the club.

PIGEON SHOOTING.

The following are the handicaps for the Hampden £100 Pigeon Match, which takes place to-day on Hampden Shooting Grounds, Pennant Hills. As will be seen by advertisement in our business columns the 10.10 a.m. train having been taken off, competitors and others should take the 9.40 a.m. train to Pennant Hills. Handicaps:—A. W. Eales, "Locksley," H. Baxter (31), H. Garratt, "Rockley" (29), F. W. Hill, "Kosciusko," "Pyamoid," W. Randall, A. W. Whitney (28), J. Trim, W. J. L. Eales "Walter" (27), "Tierce," H. Roarty (26), G. R. McIntosh, L. N. Walford, "Powell," W. L. Willcox, J. Bell (25), P. Glenister, J. Rutherford (24), "Canuck," W. H. Calvert, W. Higgerson, J. Cassells, A. Brown (23), "Orphan," F. Kenyon, W. Giblett (22), A. Hill, J. E. Meynink, A. H. Emanuel, T. Smith, B. M'Kenley, "Mills" (21). F. M. Clements will be handicapped on the grounds.

COOK WARD.

ALDERMAN J. G. GRIFFIN RETURNS THANKS.

Alderman John George Griffin, C.E., who at the recent municipal elections was returned as one of the representatives of Cook Ward, convened a meeting of the ratepayers at the Devonshire-street Schoolroom last evening with the view of returning thanks for the confidence in him that had been shown by the fact that he had now been elected to the municipal council for the second time. There was a good attendance, and the chair was taken by Mr. J. J. M'Auliffe. Alderman Griffin had a very cordial reception. He asked the electors to accept his sincere thanks for their continued confidence in him. The work of the Municipal Council was of no mean character, inasmuch that they had to deal with a revenue as large as that of a province, and, indeed, larger than that of some republics. ("Hear, hear" and laughter.) Speaking of the electric lighting of the city, he stated that the engineer in whose care the work would be placed had already arrived in Sydney, and the plant was now being prepared in England. It was hoped that some portion of the city streets would be electrically lighted during the coming year. Personally Alderman Griffin thought that the period mentioned would be rather too short, but he trusted that before his term of office expired—which would be in two years' time—Sydney would be possessed of an up-to-date electric lighting installation. (Hear, hear.) Another matter of general importance was the proposal that increased powers should be given to the Municipal Council in the matter of the control of the roads and streets of the city. It would probably be surprising to many to know that in the heart of the city, where there were buildings some of which had cost as much as £200,000, there was a thoroughfare which was not under the control of the council. He referred to Angel-lane; and even Cook Ward included several similar thoroughfares. Alderman Griffin concluded his address by referring to a number of local requirements.

The Chairman, on behalf of the electors of the ward, then presented Alderman Griffin with a handsomely illuminated address, which the recipient briefly acknowledged. Cheers were given for Alderman Griffin. Complimentary addresses in regard to Alderman Griffin's municipal services were also delivered by Alderman W. E. Paine (Bexley), Alderman James Coward (Mayor of North Botany), Alderman Richard Sanders (Bexley), and ex-Mayor J. Sproule (Hurstville).

AUSTRALIAN NATIVES' ASSOCIATION.

"WOMERAH" BRANCH, EAST SYDNEY.

The half-yearly meeting of the above branch was held at Womerah Hall, Palmer and William streets, on Friday evening, December 19, the attendance being very large. The board of directors was represented by Bros. M. A. Martin and Terry, and A. M'Guire (general secretary) was also present, each of whom spoke at some length on matters concerning the association. The principal business of the evening was the election of officers for the ensuing half year, which resulted as follows:—President, Bro. E. W. Butler, J.P.; vice-president, Bro. Alderman A. M'Elhone, J.P.; secretary, Bro. P. G. Kenny; assistant secretary, Bro. F. J. Coogan; treasurer, Bro. J. Hayes; delegate to annual session, Bro. J. E. Birt; committee, Bros. Hyde, Flynn, Donovan, Marshall, and Maddocks; press and social secretary, Bro. F. J. Coogan; auditors, Bros. J. Gibbons and C. Smithers; delegates to the metropolitan committee, Bros. Ralph Abrahams, F. J. Coogan, and S. J. Dwyer. After the installation of the new president, the retiring president (Bro. J. E. Birt) formally introduced the newly-elected officers, who were installed and welcomed, each one suitably responding. On the motion of Bro. S. Maddocks a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring officers, particularly Bro. J. E. Birt (who was warmly eulogised on his good work), was enthusiastically carried. The secretary's report showed great increase in the branch both financially and in membership.

The Waratah Branch No. 1 held its half-yearly meeting on Monday, F. Farrell (president) in the chair. There was a very large attendance of members. Five new members were balloted for and admitted, including Alderman John Harris. Sir Edmund Barton was transferred to life honorary membership. The election of officers was then proceeded with and resulted as follows:—President, Mr. B. B. Nicoll; vice-president, Mr. B. B. Butler; secretary, Mr. H. Gilbertson, jun.; assistant secretary, Mr. A. M'Guire; treasurer, Mr. H. Gilbertson; committee, Messrs. J. M. Cleary, C. Bennell, J. Golden, J. Casey, and T. J. Hughes; auditors, H. P. Ellis and H. Williams; delegates to annual session, E. Terry, J.P., and F. Farrell; trustee, H. Sparks.

The Parramatta branch held its adjourned meeting in the School of Arts on Monday evening, 22nd instant. The president (J. J. Taylor) presided. Several new members were admitted. Nominations for the various offices for the ensuing half-year were received, and it was decided to apply to the board of directors for one of their number to attend the half-yearly meeting and instal the officers.

At a meeting of the Epacris branch of the Australian Natives' Association the following officers were elected:—President, Captain Lynch; vice-president, Mr. Walker; secretary, Mr. Defries; assistant secretary, Mr. Vaughan; treasurer, Mr. C. Carter; representative on Friendly Societies' board, Mr. J. A. Doyle; delegate to annual session, Mr. F. Meacle; committee, Messrs. Doyle, Marshall, Francis, Cardiff, Colbun.

The Darlington "Emu" branch of the Australian Natives' Association has elected the following officers for the ensuing half-year:—President, Bro. Henry W. Chapman; vice-president, Bro. H. Vaughan, J.P.; secretary, Bro. W. Power (re-elected); assistant secretary, Bro. E. Grant (re-elected); treasurer, Bro. E. Jones (re-elected); committee, Bros. T. Omerod, O. Rodgers, J. Summers, H. Tuck, and R. S. Sheedy; delegate to annual session, Bro. H. W. Chapman; auditors, Bros. J. Blake and R. S. Sheedy.

The members of the Ultimo and Pyrmont (Myrtle) branch held their half-yearly meeting on the 19th instant. Bro. R. Bramston presided. Bro. R. Bramston was re-elected president, Bro. A. Parbery vice-president, Bro. J. M'Neil treasurer, Bro. D. Parbery secretary, Bro. J. M'Grade assistant secretary; committee of management, Bros. Smith, Vaughan, M'Cormick, Hampson, and Barnes. Bro. Barnes was also elected auditor in conjunction with Bro. Annable. Bro. R. Bramston was elected as branch representative at the annual sessions.

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INTER-STATE CRICKET.

NEW SOUTH WALES v. SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

A WIN FOR NEW SOUTH WALES BY 211 RUNS.

ADELAIDE, Tuesday.

To-day's play in the inter-state cricket match was invested with great interest to South Australia because of the position of the game on Monday evening. The local representatives began their last innings of the game in a minority of 374 runs, and obtained 57 without losing a wicket, so that when Reedman (28) and Hack (25) resumed shortly after 12 o'clock the question was: What are the chances with all the men to be dismissed? The deficiency to be made good was 317. The weather was fine and cool. Howell and Noble had charge of the attack, and the former clean bowled Hack after the latter had added four. 1-28-61. Hill followed, and failed to judge the pace of the wicket. In trying to drive Howell he returned the ball straight back, and the bowler had no difficulty in taking the chance. Giffen and Reedman were together, and the partnership was historic owing to the interesting fact that they alone of the whole 22 men engaged in the match took part in the first game between New South Wales and South Australia in February, 1890—nearly 13 years ago. Both men were watching the bowling with every care. Noble sent down his first six overs for 20 runs, Howell a similar number for 7 runs and two wickets. Giffen was the only one scoring, for Reedman in 40 minutes had not made a run. At last the North Adelaide captain started off with a single to leg, and this set him going, and he cut Noble to the gate. The board now showed 75 runs, and just three centuries to go. Noble bowled an over to Reedman, and any one of the first four balls would have gone for 4 if Pye, Howell, and Mackenzie, in the slips, had been at all remiss in their fielding. Giffen enlivened matters by jumping to Howell and driving him to the south-eastern mound. At the end of an hour only 26 runs had been added, and 14 of them by Giffen. Noble tossed the ball to Pye and asked Trumper to have a try at Howell's end. Pye succeeded in getting rid of the veteran, who stepped out to another one and was well stumped. 3-19-89. After many tries Reedman got one of his admirable off-strokes through the strong field to the pavilion, and reached 46. Kirkwood, like Reedman, had to dodge a "pair of spectacles," and did so through Duff's leniency. The fieldsman at forward short-leg dropped a fairly warm catch, and Kirkwood then snicked a 3. Pye, however, tempted Reedman, who fell exactly as Giffen had done. Reedman, in an hour and 20 minutes, had stonewalled for 12 runs, and these, with his 28 made in 50 minutes overnight, brought his total to 40, and his length of stay to 2 hours 10 minutes. Luncheon was then taken, Kirkwood being 3, and the record four for 96.

Without any alteration in the score Kirkwood cut a full toss from Trumper straight to Noble's right hand, and the captain took it splendidly. 5-3-96. Claxton and Gehrs were then partners, and after Gehrs had earned a single at square-leg, Claxton posted the hundred with a beautiful stroke to the members' reserve. Gehrs went out at Pye and should have been stumped, but Kelly for once lost the ball. The let-off was no use, however, for in Trumper's next over Gehrs was cleaned bowled. 6-3-106. Walters came and saw Claxton given out leg-before to Pye. 7-7-106. Jones, as usual, worked up the spectators to a mild enthusiasm. After a few singles he hit one from Pye to the asphalt at the north-western mound. Howell, who relieved Trumper, was splendidly lifted out into the crowd at the gate, and the next stroke was a capital back-cut off Pye, for which 4 were run. Walters played a steady game, but was soon caught by Kelly off Howell. 8-4-138. The efforts of Travers and Jones to secure a run for the newcomer was amusing, and it was at last obtained by a daring sprint when the ball went straight and slow to Duff. Travers scooped Howell around to leg, and Mackenzie misjudged the chance, but the merry time was brought to a close by Howell, who clean bowled Jones after he had cut a fine fourer. 9-34-151. One five and three fours were included in Jones' lively innings. Thamm, as before, brought up the rear, and saw double figures go up to Travers by a late cut, which went through third man to the pickets. The last partnership added 13, of which Thamm made 9 with good strokes, and the match was ended by Trumper in the slips, who, at the second attempt, held Thamm, and gave M'Beath his only wicket of the game. Travers was not out 11, and New South Wales had a margin of 211 runs. The South Australian batting was again disappointing, and the team was thoroughly outplayed at all points. Scores:—

NEW SOUTH WALES.—First Innings.

Trumper, c Waters, b Travers	10
R. A. Duff, b Kirkwood	94
M. A. Noble, c Claxton, b Kirkwood	108
N. Ebsworth, c Travers, b Kirkwood	1
W. P. Howell, c Waters, b Claxton	0
J. J. Kelly, c Reedman, b Claxton	1
A. M'Beath, c Reedman, b Jones	10
C. Gregory, lbw b Jones	7
A. J. Hopkins, c Waters, b Jones	8
A. C. M'Kenzie, c Claxton, b Travers	13
L. W. Pye, not out	25
Byes 3, leg-byes 3, no ball 1, wide 1	8
Total	285

Bowling Analysis.—Jones, 25 overs, 10 maidens, 68 runs, 3 wickets; Travers, 26.4 overs, 5 maidens, 68 runs, 2 wickets; Waters, 20 overs, 8 maidens, 49 runs; Reedman, 3 overs, 10 runs; Giffen, 12 overs, 1 maiden, 38 runs; Claxton, 6 overs, 1 maiden, 16 runs, 2 wickets; Kirkwood, 7 overs, 28 runs, 3 wickets. Claxton bowled one wide.

Second Innings.

J. J. Kelly, b Travers	0
L. W. Pye, c Kirkwood, b Travers	17
A. J. Hopkins, lbw, b Giffen	10
A. C. K. Mackenzie, c Kirkwood, b Travers	77
V. Trumper, h.w., b Claxton	2
C. Gregory, b Travers	38
M. A. Noble, not out	52
R. A. Duff, b Kirkwood	18
N. Ebsworth, c and b Kirkwood	4
W. Howell, c Reedman, b Kirkwood	10
A. M'Beath, b Travers	2
Leg-byes	4
Total	229

Bowling Analysis.—Jones, 9 overs, 1 maiden, 47 runs; Travers, 25·3 overs, 10 maidens, 54 runs, 5 wickets; Giffen, 14 overs, 2 maidens, 32 runs, 1 wicket; Claxton, 5 overs, 1 wicket, 23 runs; Kirkwood, 9 overs, 3 wickets, 33 runs; Waters, 7 overs, 1 maiden, 16 runs.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—First Innings.

J. C. Reedman, b Howell	0
F. T. Hack, c Mackenzie, b Noble	48
C. Hill, b Howell	10
G. Giffen, c and b Pye	27
H. P. Kirkwood, b Pye	0
N. Claxton, b Pye	6
A. Gehrs, b Pye	8
R. Waters, c Duff, b Howell	14
E. Jones, lbw, b Noble	11
J. E. Travers, c Kelly, b Noble	2
W. Thamm, not out	8
Leg byes	6
Total	140

Bowling Analysis.—Howell, 28 overs, 7 maidens, 51 runs, 3 wickets; Noble, 18.5 overs, 8 maidens, 34 runs, 3 wickets; Pye, 17 overs, 2 maidens, 31 runs, 4 wickets; M'Beath, 10 overs, 4 maidens, 18 runs.

Second Innings.

J. C. Reedman, st Kelly, b Pye	40
F. T. Hack, b Howell	28
C. Hill, b Howell	0
G. Giffen, st Kelly, b Pye	19
H. Kirkwood, c Noble, b Trumper	3
N. Claxton, lbw, b Pye	7
A. Gehrs, b Trumper	3
R. Waters, c Kelly, b Howell	4
E. Jones, b Howell	34
J. E. Travers, not out	9
W. Thamm, c Trumper, b M'Beath	11
Byes 3, leg-bye 1, no-ball 1	5
Total	163

Bowling Analysis.—Howell, 28 overs, 9 maidens, 59 runs, 4 wickets; M'Beth, 10·5 overs, 2 maidens, 29 runs, 1 wicket; Trumper, 14 overs, 2 maidens, 33 runs, 2 wickets; Pye, 17 overs, 2 maidens, 28 runs, 3 wickets; Noble, 11 overs, 5 maidens, 10 runs, no wicket, 1 no-ball.

In the match just concluded all the honours come to New South Wales. The single century registered was credited to Noble, who signalised his election as captain by obtaining 160 for once out. The best partnership of the match resulted from the association of Noble and Duff, viz., 181. It was during that partnership that New South Wales took command of the game, and at no time was the hold they gained relinquished. The surprises of the match were the failure of Travers with the ball in the first innings of New South Wales, the small contributions by four members of the Australian Eleven—Hill, Trumper, Hopkins, and Kelly—the success of the comparatively new men, and also of those who have returned to first-class cricket after a lengthy retirement. Claxton, in the first innings, and Kirkwood and Pye in both bowled well, and Pye, M'Kenzie, Reedman, and Hack showed good form with the bat. Howell bowled fairly well in both innings, and Travers struck form in the second. As our report of the match states, New South Wales won at all points of the game. The luck of the wicket was, however, with the winning side.

NEW SOUTH WALES v. QUEENSLAND.

The team to represent Queensland in the match against New South Wales, commencing at Sydney on Boxing Day, will arrive to-day, and will be met at the Redfern railway station by representatives of the New South Wales Cricket Association.

NEW SOUTH WALES v. VICTORIA.

Mr. A. E. Johns announced at the meeting of the Victorian Cricket Association last night that H. Trumble had notified him as a member of the selection committee that he would not be able to play in the forthcoming inter-state matches. The vacancies caused by the absence of Trumble and Worrall will be filled by D. Mailer and D. Noonan, two of the emergencies.

The Boston Museum of Fine Arts has recently acquired two valuable paintings. One, purchased from a private collection in Venice, is an autograph canvas 17 by 22 inches by Paul Veronese entitled "Justice;" the other is an unfinished portrait by Thomas Lawrence. The trustees have recently created a new department, that of Egyptian art.

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ST. JOHN'S, Darlinghurst.—Christmas Day, H.C., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and 11 a.m.; Preacher, 11, the Rector. 7.30 p.m., Evening Service and Carols; Rev. L. D. Thomas. Coll. for Clergy Widows and Orphans' Fund, Super. Fund.

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND, STRATHFIELD and HOMEBUSH.—THE DEDICATION of the enlarged Church of St. Anne's will take place on Christmas Eve at 8 p.m. The Address will be given by the Archbishop. The Offertory will be given to the Building Fund. The CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES will be as follows:—Holy Communion at 7, 8, 9.45, and 11 a.m.; Morning Prayer at 11; Festival Carol Service, at 8 p.m. Offertories for the Clergy Widows and Orphans and for the Clergy Superannuation Funds.

ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL.—CHRISTMAS EVE.—7.30 p.m., Evensong and Carols. CHRISTMAS DAY. 7, 8, Holy Communion. 11, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Preacher, Archdeacon Bartlett. 7.30, Evensong and Carols; Preacher, the Archbishop.

XMAS DAY. CHRIST CHURCH, ST. LAURENCE.—Holy Communion, 6.30 a.m., 8 a.m.; Mattins, 10.30 a.m.; Choral Eucharist, Procession and Sermon, 11 a.m. Preacher, Rev. J. HAMLET, Vicar of Barrington, Somerset, Eng. Evensong, Sermon, Procession and Carols, 7.15 p.m.

S. JAMES', King-street.—Christmas Eve, Choral Evensong and Carols, 7.30 p.m. Christmas Day, 7, 8, and 9, Holy Communion; 10.15, Mattins and Litany; 11, Choral Eucharist, Procession, and Sermon; 7.15, Evensong, Sermon, and Carols.

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Sydney, 23rd December, 1902.

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R. J. LUKEY, Secretary.
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NOTICE.
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By order of the Board.
Head Office, 87 Pitt-street, Sydney, 19th December, 1902. ROBERT B. CAMERON, Secretary.

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ARTHUR M. EEDY, General Secretary.
Head Office: Citizens'-buildings, Castlereagh and Moore streets, Sydney. 22nd December, 1902.

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KELSO KING, Manager.
Sydney, 24th December, 1902.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.
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W. G. CALDWELL, Secretary.
45 Elizabeth-street, Sydney, 24th December, 1902.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY, 74 Pitt-street, Sydney.
The OFFICES of this Company will be CLOSED for the CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS from THURSDAY, 25th December, till MONDAY, 29th December.
HENRY F. FRANCIS, Local Manager.

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Sydney, 24th December, 1902.

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I have to acknowledge, with many thanks, the receipt of a Cheque for £50, being a Christmas Gift to the Benevolent Society from the Public School Children of Sydney and Suburbs, the proceeds of the concert held in the Sydney Town Hall on the 16th instant.
H. W. HAMMOND, Hon. Treasurer.
Benevolent Asylum, Valentine-street, Dec. 23, 1902.

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NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT LIFE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.—LOST POLICY.—Evidence having been supplied of the Loss of Policy numbered 26,774 in the books of this Department on the life of JAMES BUCK, of 100 Bayswater-road, Sydney, formerly of New Zealand, I hereby give notice of my intention to issue a copy to take the place thereof on the 24th day of January, 1903, unless objection be lodged before that date. J. H. RICHARDSON, Government Insurance Commissioner. Wellington, December 24, 1902.

TO BUILDERS, CONTRACTORS, and WHOLESALE TIMBER BUYERS.—The Sydney and Suburban Timber Merchants' Association hereby give notice that on and after the 1st January, 1903, Cartage will be charged to outlying districts. Schedule at any of the Associated Timber Merchants' Offices and the Building Exchange. This has been brought about by the excessive cost of horse feed, &c. T. G. SMITH, Secretary.

THE BUSINESS of THE OLIVER TYPEWRITER CO., recently carried on at 108 Pitt-street, Sydney, corner of Pitt and Moore streets, has been REMOVED to Messrs. T. HODKINSON and CO.'S Head Office, 634-646 King-street, Newtown, who are the Sole Agents for the Australasian Colonies.

ELECTRICAL and Mechanical ENGINEERS.—Lights, Motors, and Fans installed; Bells, Telephones, and Indicators; Gas, Oil, and Steam Engines; Printer's Machinery and all kinds of Brass and Iron Work. Telephone No., 404. CAMERON BROS., Estimates given. 9 Pitt-street, near Quay.

WATCHES CLEANED, 2s; best English Mainspring, 2s; Repairs guaranteed one year. NOLAN, TIME, and CO., 702 George-street, Haymarket.

JEWELLERY.—Hall-marked and High-grade Watches from leading firm of importers now obtainable on the "London Times" novel plan of easy purch. Write partic. British Imperial Goldsmiths, Gibbs-chbs., 7 Moore-street.

THE Rev. E. T. DUNSTAN, having returned to Sydney, requests those having CLAIMS against him to forward them as soon as possible, addressed to Reference Co., No. 8., 197.

NOTICE.—If CONTRACTOR for Plumbing Work at Burwood does not finish same, it will be done at his expense. HENRY HART, Undertaker, Burwood.

ARE there any persons suffering from Piles who wish to be cured? Let them try LOMBARDIA and prove for themselves that it has no rival. Give it a trial.

EDWARD WATERS and SON, Patent and Trade Mark Agents, have REMOVED their Offices to GIBBS'-CHAMBERS, 7 MOORE-STREET, CITY. Tel. 3888.

WANTED, 50,000 business men to try our SUITS to measure, 35s. The Electric Tailoring Co., 236 Geo.-st.

UNGAR, Manufacturer of Rope, Twine, and Clothes Line (contractor to S. M. Herald), Marrickville.

A SET of TEETH from One Guinea. Mr. George, dentist, 461 Pitt-st.

TEL. 282 William-st., Darlinghurst. Cab Rank near Courthouse. All orders promptly attended to.

RING UP 330 Newtown.—Oertel's high-class Mineral Waters, Cordials. New Works, Alexander-st., Alex.

I WILL not be responsible for any DEBTS contracted by anybody. Patrick Burke, 68 Buckingham-st.

ENVELOPES, 2s and 2s 6d per 1000. Phillips, stationer, 91 Market-st., near Elizabeth-st.

J. H. ADGER, the only Scalp and Hair Clinic. Advice and remedy. 10s 6d. 43 Castlereagh-st. Tel., 2256.

I WISH to APOLOGISE to Mrs. SEACH for what I said, as it was not true. W. H. Owens. Dec. 23, 1902.

ART SOCIETY N.S.W. has REMOVED to Vickery's-chambers, 76 Pitt-st.

REFRIGERATORS.—Patent Self-acting Freezers, Butter Coolers, &c., cheap prices. W. Wild, 54 Park-st.

COUNTERS, Glass Showcases, Shop and Office Fittings, new, s.-hand, cheap. Childs and Koops, 115 Liverpl.-st.

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For Sale.

A GOOD CHRISTMAS BOX. A Ward's STOVE, £2 15s.

WARD'S STOVES. Showrooms, 501 George-st.

SOMETHING for Country Cousins. Ward's STOVES for wood burning.

SOME STOVES cook, and some stoves don't. Ward's STOVES cook for for ever.

FOR Fish, Meat, Poultry, and Sweets, Ward's STOVES cannot be beat.

PUT on the Xmas Dinner, Go to Church, Come home hungry, And you'll not be in the lurch.

AN ounce of commonsense Is worth a ton of Reasoning, Cook your Goose on a WARD STOVE, Don't forget the seasoning.

WARD'S STOVES cannot be beat. Note the address: 501 George-st.

ABSOLUTE CLEARANCE now on at NATHAN HERMAN'S of the BEST-ASSORTED STOCK in Sydney, comprising DRAPERY, WATCHES, Jewellery, Table Cutlery, E.P. Fish and Fruit Sets, Boots, Iron Safes, and hundreds of lines for sale at less than half the price charged by the George-street shopkeepers. Open to-night till 10 o'clock. NATHAN HERMAN, 10 York-street, 2 doors from Barrack-street.

PHONOGRAPHS.—Xmas Presents, Edison Agency, direct importers, 1902 Models, lowest prices, moulded Records, Horns, Stands, Button Speakers, Carrying Cases. BLACKADDER, 100 Westbourne-street, Petersham.

GYPSUM FERTILISER, Hasell's (Land Plaster). Write for Government analysis, tests, pamphlet, prices, &c., to ARTHUR H. HASELL, Proprietor, 13-12 Queen-street, Melbourne.

WHITING.—Hasell's Carb. of Lime and Magnesia. A. H. Hasell, 10 Queen-st., Melb., Propr., whtg. wks.

ROLL-TOP DESKS and IRON SAFES in all sizes and makes. M. SYMONDS, Ltd., 285 and 287 Pitt-street, 2 doors from Park-street.

SECOND-Hnd. Building Materials, anything and everything, free dlvry. Watson and Co., Pitt and Gilbert sts.

STOVES guaranteed, good cookers, cheapest in State, all makers. Watson and Co., Pitt and Goulburn sts.

STOVES Bought Sold, Exchanged or Repaired. Ring up Tel., 3874. Watson and Co., Pitt and Goulburn sts.

X.L. Boy's WATCH, Chain, for 6s 6d; non-magnetic Levers, 12s 6d. Xmas presents. 12 Imperial Arcade.

CHRISTMAS CAKES, all sizes, 8d per lb. J. T. Austin, 67 Oxford-st., city. Tel., 2089.

X.L. Gold BROOCHES from 3s 6d; silver initial Hat Pins, 1s. Call 12 Imperial Arcade.

X.L. for 10 years' guarantee Gold Filled Elgin WATCHES, 47s 6d. Call 12 Imperial Arcade.

YOUNG Pure bred Jersey COWS, full milk, just calved, price £12 each. The Hall, Croydon.

SALE, high-class Tailors' Unclaimed Order Suits, Trousers, &c. Millard, 657 George-st., Haymarket.

CINEMATOGRAPH and Stock of FILMS, cheap. Apply Manager, Cycloramas.

BABIES' CARRIAGES and Invalid's Wheel Chairs, Repairs. R. Anderson, manuf., Broadway, Glebe. Syd.

SEWING MACHINES (new), cover fittings, 25s. See them; get price list. Rowley and Co., 21 Q. V. Mkts.

TOURIST AGENCY. Bohemian Gipsy, 297 Pitt-st.

GOAT for SALE, good milker, low price. Wyorp, Cronulla-st., Hurstville.

ORGAN, Bell's, 13 stops, 2 knee swells, splendid order, lovely tone, £20. A. L., Box 521, G.P.O.

CASH REGISTER for SALE, £10, good as new. 192 Queen Victoria Markets.

SINGLE-STONE Diamond Ring, pawned M. de F. £10, will sell ticket £2. J. C. S., P.O., Erskineville.

MILNER SAFE, large size, suit pawnbroker or jeweller; also small one. 236 Riley-st.

FOR SALE, STOVE, cheap, in good order. 62 Read-st., Waverley.

SQUARE Iron Tanks, Gagell., 3ss; Winches, 6ss; Chaff-cutters, 40s; Horsewks., Meat Chopper. 380 Sussex-st.

COACHMAN'S Livery SUIT, cheap. 108 Reservoir-st., Surry Hills, near Macquarie-st. South.

SEWING MACHINES, all makers, from 20s up; Repairs speciality. 3 Central Arcade, 545 Geo.-st.

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Auction Sales

DRESSED CHRISTMAS POULTRY.
A NEW DEPARTURE.
R. F. MURPHY AND CO.
WILL SELL BY AUCTION ON
TO-DAY (XMAS EVE),
AT 12 O'CLOCK SHARP, AT THEIR ROOMS, THOMAS-STREET, HAYMARKET, ABOUT
1300 FOWLS,
400 TURKEYS,
AND
60 DUCKS.
ALL PRIME BIRDS, DRESSED READY FOR THE OVEN.
THIS IS A RARE OPPORTUNITY FOR HOTEL KEEPERS AND PRIVATE CONSUMERS TO GET THEIR CHRISTMAS REQUIREMENTS AT
WHOLESALE RATES.
THEY WILL BE SOLD WITHOUT RESERVE.

INGLIS AND SON'S HORSE BAZAAR.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 10.30 a.m. sharp, Vans, Springcarts, Horses and Harness, Draught Horses, Tipdrays, Horses and Harness, And at 11.30 a.m., Horses and Vehicles of every description. Specially advertised. Tel., 1334.

2 HIGH-CLASS TURNOUTS.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. W. TODD to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., Pair of Chestnut Ponies, broken to s. and d. harness, lady can drive; Hooded Abbott Tray Buggy and Harness; also Chestnut Pony, 4 years, Hooded Buggy and Har., both good turnouts.

PONY SULKY TURNOUT.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. F. CHIDGEY to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., Bay Pony Stallion, 12.2, broken to harness, quiet and reliable, Sulky and Harness, making a first-class turnout.

RELIABLE TACKNEY.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from the Owner to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, Bay Mare, thoroughly broken to saddle.

TROTTING COLT, BY PRINCE HAROLD.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. E. R. BENHAM to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, Bay Trotting Colt, 22 months, by Prince Harold, dam Ruby, handled and quiet to lead.

INGLIS' RAILWAY STOCK SALEYARDS.
THIS DAY.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, as above, at the usual hour, 20 Paddock-fed Fat Cattle, by rail. 40 Dry and Fat Cattle from local owners. Also, Some consignments of Fat Calves and Pigs.

5 FIRST-CLASS FAMILY COWS.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Messrs. M'INTOSH BROS., COBBITTY, to sell by auction, at their Railway Stock Saleyards, THIS DAY, at the usual hour, 5 First-class Cows, in full milk, calves at foot, giving from 15 to 20 quarts per day.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Railway Yards, 327 George-street, THIS DAY, Wednesday, at 11 o'clock sharp, On account Messrs. T. Briggs, Pintosh Bros., D. Buffier, and other owners, 60 First-class MILCH COWS, in full milk, with young calves at foot, from the best dairies in the Southern and Hunter districts.

NORTH SYDNEY SALEYARDS, St. Leonards Railway Station, at 3 p.m., THIS DAY.
TURKEYS, Geese, Ducks, Roosters, and Young Hens, all in fine condition; also HAMS, Bacon, and Sundries.

HANDCOCKS AND VICKERS, Auctioneers.
THIS DAY, December 24th, at 10.30 a.m. sharp.
IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE OF FIRST-CLASS HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS.
At the CENTRAL AUCTION ROOMS, 274 Pitt-street.
UNDER TWO BILLS OF SALE.
DRAWING-ROOM SUITES, Carpets, 8x10 Mats, Overmantels, Mirrors, Oilcloth, Curtains, Couches, Rockers, Austrian and Kitchen Chairs, Sewing Machines, Pictures, Clocks, Lounges, Dining Tables, Sideboards, Chiffoniers, B.M. DOUBLE and SINGLE BEDSTEADS, fitted with first-class Wires and Kapok Bedding, Wardrobes, Pairs Toilets, Toilet Glasses, Combination and other Chests Drawers, Glassware, Washstands and Ware, Dressers, Safes, Bamboo Furniture, Hallstands, Scales, Kitchen and Laundry Utensils, and Sundries.
Also, at 12.30 p.m., Pianoforte in walnut case, by Hard. 3 Office Tables and Copying Press.

A. G. JENKINS will sell as above, THIS MORNING, WITHOUT RESERVE. In consequence of the extra large number of lots sale must commence sharp.

THIS (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON, at 2.30 sharp. On the Premises, 496½ Sussex-street, opposite A. Hordern's Bulk Stores, and rear of The People's Auction Mart, Haymarket.
E. HEBDEN RODRIBB will sell by Public Auction, without reserve, under imperative instructions, 7 rooms Furniture, Piano, Drawing, Dining, and Bedroom Appointments. Kitchen and Laundry Utensils and Sundries.

THIS DAY, at 2 p.m.
AT THE NEWTOWN MARTS, NEWTOWN.
Superior HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS. Dining and Drawing room Suites, Sideboards, Overmantels, Austr. and Cane Furniture, Wardrobes, Toilet Pairs, Hallstands, Balances, Ice Chest, Brass-mounted Bedsteads, Pictures, Crockery, Glassware, Bed and Table Linen, Sewing Machine, Ornaments, Kitchen and Laundry Requisites.
EVANS and CO. have received instructions to sell as above. No reserve.

AUCTIONEERS' NOTICE.
THE AUCTION SALEROOMS and OFFICES of the undersigned will be CLOSED on THURSDAY, FRIDAY, and SATURDAY, the 25th, 26th, and 27th December.
REOPENING ON MONDAY, 29th DECEMBER.
LAWSON, CARO, AND CO., LTD., AUCTIONEERS AND VALUATORS, 128-130 PITT-STREET.

M. DE LISSA AND CO., Auctioneers, Valuators, &c., 556 GEORGE-STREET (opposite St. Andrew's Cathedral).
CASH ADVANCES made against every description of Merchandise, Household Furniture, Pianos, and Effects pending Auction or Private Sale.
LIBERAL TERMS of Credit to Purchasers.
VALUATIONS made and OUTSIDE SALES conducted, with advances if required, and QUICK RETURNS.
ALL COMMUNICATIONS promptly attended to.
Telephone No., 859.

CHRISTMAS TREES, TREEFERNS.—An Extra Choice Lot of Ferns, Palms and Pot Plants of every description will be SOLD TO-DAY, at 12 o'clock, at EULALIA NURSERY, 49 PITT-STREET. Old and New Customers roll up for Xmas Boxes. EDWD. TIKINS, Auctioneer.

JOHN J. PITT will sell, This day, at 10 o'clock, at 20 Cross-street, Forest Lodge, Single and Double Bedstead, 7-dr. Chest, Tables, Safe, Chairs, Dresser &c. No Reserve.

THIS DAY, at 2.30.
MIDDLETON and CO. will sell by auction, at Hay and George sts., Haymarket, Dray, Household Furniture, Bedsteads, Bedding, Clothing and Sundries. No Res.

THIS DAY, 3 p.m., LEAF will sell by auction, 356 Petersham Arcade, Parramatta-road, Household Furniture of all kinds; 1 large Tent American duck, with fly, 10 by 12; Sundries. No Reserve.

KOGARAH TOWNSHIP.
close to station.
FOR POSITIVE SALE.
6 ELEVATED VILLA SITES splendid views, being Lots 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, Sec. A, and having a frontage of 20ft. each to PALMERSTON-STREET (opposite Victoria-street), and only few minutes from station. Title, Torrens.
HUGH DUFF and CO. have received instructions to sell by public auction, on the Ground, on SATURDAY NEXT, 27th December, 3.30 p.m., as above.

CHATSWOOD.
GRAND RESIDENTIAL SITE, CHATSWOOD HEIGHTS ESTATE, corner ANDERSON and TULIP STREETS, ONE OF THE HIGHEST SPOTS IN THE DISTRICT, and handy to Chatswood station.
The Land has a frontage of 66ft. to TULIP-STREET by a depth of 120ft. along ANDERSON-STREET, with 20ft. lane at rear. FOR POSITIVE SALE.
HUGH DUFF and CO. have received instructions to sell by public auction, at their SALE ROOMS, 283 GEORGE-STREET, on TUESDAY, 13th JANUARY Next, at 11.30 a.m., The above Choice Site.

THE "CROWN STATION," CAPERTEE, AND OTHER LANDS,
MUDGEE DISTRICT, near RYLSTONE.
FOR AUCTION SALE.
The above Property, comprising 525 acres Freehold, 910 acres C.P., and 750 acres C.L., 2234 acres in all, which includes some of the best land in the Capertee Valley, rich black soil, the best of lucerne and maize land, about 30 acres having been cleared and cultivated. The whole healthy and sheep country, permanently watered by Coco Creek (running stream) and springs. Nearly all ringbarked, enclosed and subdivided by sheep proof fencing. Other improvements, A comfortable dwelling of 5 rooms, kitchen, bay sheds, sheep and cattle yards, &c. A most desirable little property, within 15 miles of Capertee Railway Station, and convenient to the coal and shale Mines and Cement works, where there is ALWAYS A READY MARKET FOR THE PRODUCE.
CROSSING and CO. have received instructions from the Executrix of Jonathan Maclean, deceased, to sell by auction, at their Rooms, Market-street, Mudgee, in January next, the above choice little property. The whole of the land, though not all adjoining, will be sold in 1 lot except portion No. 32, of 88 acres which adjoins Glen Alice. This portion will be sold separately. Terms cash. Inspection invited. Plans can be seen at the agents' office, or at Messrs. James Muir and Co.'s, 54 Margaret-street, Sydney.
Messrs. ICETON and FAITHFULL, Solicitors for the Estate.

In the District Court of the Metropolitan, Suburban, and Hunter District, holden at Sydney, No. of Plaint, 2010 of 1902; No. of Warrant, 220 of 1902.—STEPHEN THOMAS AVORES, Plaintiff, and RICHARD IAMSTON, Defendant.
ON WEDNESDAY, the 24th day of December, 1902, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to a Warrant of Execution issued in this action, unless the same be previously satisfied, the Goods and Chattels of the abovenamed defendant, viz., Engine, Machinery, &c., will be sold by public auction at Engine-st., Haymarket. Terms, Cash. No cheques taken. Dated this 23rd day of December, 1902. EDWARD SEARSON, Bailiff. J. HARRIS, Plaintiff's Solicitor, 92 Hunter-st.

By order of the TRUSTEES in the Estate of the late ROBERT CAMPBELL.
PYRMONT.
AT THE JUNCTION OF PYRMONT-STREET AND MARIAN-STREET, JUST OFF UNION-STREET, AND CLOSE TO THE PYRMONT BRIDGE AND DARLING ISLAND.
A BLOCK OF LAND, having a frontage of about 120ft. 6in. to the north side of MARIAN-STREET, by a depth on one side of about 95ft. and on the other along PYRMONT-STREET of about 23ft.
THE BLOCK IS SUITABLE FOR THE ERECTION OF FACTORY OR STORE PREMISES AND IS WITHIN A FEW MINUTES OF THE CITY.
RAINE and HORNE have been instructed to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, in the Rooms, 86 Pitt-street, on THURSDAY, 8th JANUARY, 1903, at 11.30.
Solicitors to the Estate: Messrs. NORTON, SMITH, and CO., O'Connell-street.

AUBURN.
ALEXANDER COTTAGE, situated in SOUTH-PARADE, opposite the CLYDE SHUNTING YARD.
THE LAND has a frontage of about 80ft. to SOUTH-PARADE by a depth of about 120ft. The Cottage is of brick on stone foundation, slate roof, and contains 8 rooms. IT HAS RECENTLY BEEN RENOVATED EXTERNALLY AND INTERNALLY, AND IS IN EXCELLENT ORDER.
RAINE and HORNE will sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, in the Rooms, 86 Pitt-street, on THURSDAY, 8th JANUARY, 1903, at 11.30 a.m.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.
FOR IMPERATIVE SALE, TO CLOSE ACCOUNTS.
AUBURN.—LOTS 22 to 24, sec. 23, of the CHISHOLM ESTATE, comprising a TOTAL AREA of 2a. 3r. 35p. Eminently suitable for subdivision purposes. TORRENS.
BOTANY.—LOT 5, SANDGATE ESTATE, having a frontage of about 40ft. to EDGEHILL-ROAD, by a depth of about 132ft. TORRENS.
CHATSWOOD.—WILLOUGHBY PARK ESTATE, LOTS 11 to 13, sec. 11, having frontages of about 200ft. to ALBERT-AVENUE, 150ft. to ROBINSON-STREET, and 150ft. to OLGA-STREET.
MOSMAN.—LOT 12, sec. 1, of the CENTENNIAL ESTATE, having a frontage of about 55ft. to GLOVER-STREET, by a depth of about 150ft. through to a lane at the rear. On the heights of Mosman, close to the MILITARY-ROAD and the ELECTRIC TRAM. TORRENS.
GRANVILLE.—LOT 30, of the DRAINWELL ESTATE, 50ft. to DERBY-STREET, by a depth of about 152ft., close to the Granville Park. TORRENS.
ST. PETERS.—LOT 39, sec. 3, VILLAGE OF TEMPE ESTATE, 33ft. to CAMPBELL-STREET, by a depth of 90ft.
FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, in the Rooms, 86 Pitt-street, on THURSDAY, 8th JANUARY, 1903, at 11.30 a.m.
RAINE and HORNE, Auctioneers.

BY ORDER OF THE TRUSTEES IN A DECEASED ESTATE.
REDFERN,
at the corner of REGENT and REDFERN STREETS, and occupying one of the BEST POSITIONS IN REDFERN.
A STERLING INVESTMENT,
NEIL-TERRACE,
Nos. 108 to 120 REGENT-STREET, comprising Seven Shops with Dwellings.
THE LAND has a frontage of about 131ft. 6in. to REGENT-STREET by a depth of about 95ft. along REDFERN-STREET on one side through to a lane at the rear.
THE BUILDINGS are of brick, tuck-pointed fronts, on stone foundations, awnings in front. No. 108 is a three-story building with Shop, 9 rooms, kitchen, bathroom, and washhouse, and was for many years tenanted by the AUSTRALIAN JOINT STOCK BANK, Ltd.; Nos. 100 to 120 each contain 4 rooms, kitchen, bathroom, and washhouse.
A FINE BUSINESS CENTRE.
The Shops are always tenanted, and produce a RENTAL of £882 PER ANNUM.
RAINE and HORNE have been instructed to sell the above DESIRABLE INVESTMENT PROPERTY by PUBLIC AUCTION, in the Rooms, 86 Pitt-street, on THURSDAY, 22nd JANUARY, 1903, at 11.30 a.m.
Solicitors to the Estate: Messrs. FISHER and MACANSH, George and King streets.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.,
AUCTIONEERS and VALUATORS,
SALES EFFECTED BY AUCTION OR PRIVATELY.
PROPERTIES LET,
RENTS and INTERESTS, &c., COLLECTED.
ESTATES MANAGED.
Valuations Made for Mortgage, Probate, Selling, and Other Purposes.
SPECIAL Arrangements made for Valuing and Conducting Sales Locally of Country Estates.

WEDNESDAY, 14th JANUARY, 1903.
PRELIMINARY NOTICE.
SPLENDID FARMING and GRAZING PROPERTY, STRATHAIRD, 28 Miles from the city of Goulburn, 2 Miles from Taralga.
HARRISON, JONES, and DEVLIN, Limited, have received instructions from the Mortgagees to sell by Public Auction, at the WOOL EXCHANGE, Macquarie-place, at noon, on WEDNESDAY, 14th JANUARY, 1903, THAT MAGNIFICENT FREEHOLD PROPERTY, STRATHAIRD, comprising an area of 3862a. 1r. 8p.
Full particulars in future issue.

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Houses and Land for Sale.

GLEBE.—Brick HOUSE, 6 rooms, kitchen, &c., newly built, modern con., water and gas, sewered, title Torrens, good position, land 40 x 120. BACKHOUSE and GOYDER, Mut.-bdgs., Martin-place.

A SOUND INVESTMENT AT NORTH SYDNEY. Three SHOPS and a DWELLING, in good locality, showing good returns. BACKHOUSE and GOYDER, Mut.-bdgs., Martin-place.

AT M'MAHON'S POINT, close to ferry.—5 Private Residences, 6 rs., kitchen, &c., showing good returns. This would prove a first-class investment. BACKHOUSE and GOYDER, Mut.-bdgs., Martin-place.

AT NORTH SYDNEY.—Large modern VILLA, tiled roof, 3 recep. rooms, 6 bedrooms, offices, every con. and comfort, sewered, garden area ¼ acre, title freehold. BACKHOUSE and GOYDER, Mut.-bdgs., Martin-place.

AT WAHROONGA.—Choice Villa RESIDENCE, tiled roof, 7 rooms, kit., laund., all mod. convs., marble mantels, tiled hearths, best locality, nice gard., area ½ acre. BACKHOUSE and GOYDER, Mut.-bdgs., Martin-place.

A GOOD INVESTMENT AT NEWTOWN. 4 three-room COTTAGES, all con., and 3 SHOPS with Dwellings, 4 rooms, kit., &c. Land 41 x 132, Torrens, rents £313 p.a., val. £3000. Equity can be purchased for £1000, returning over 20 p.c., balance £2000 can remain on mortgage for 5 yrs. BACKHOUSE and GOYDER, Mut.-bdgs., Martin-place.

AT BONDI.—W.B. Cottage, 5 rooms, &c., Torrens. Backhouse and Goyder, Mut.-bdgs., Martin-place.

AUBURN.—AUBURN PARK ESTATE, 7 Acres 25 Perches, streets cleared, good position, in acre-blocks, £10 per acre; reduced price for the lot. S. T. RODD, Estate Agent, 80A Pitt-street.

BLACKHEATH, fronting railway line, close to station.—Lots 6 and 11, North and Donnellan's Subdivision, each 100 x 200, Torrens. Price £55, bargain. S. T. RODD, 80A Pitt-street.

A WELL-GRASSED and WATERED FREEHOLD of 126 Acres, W.B. COTTAGE, and Outhouses, suitable dairy, grazing, agricultural or orchard, climate unsurpassed. Torrens title. MORTGAGEE'S SALE, £400. S. T. RODD, Fol. 370. Estate Agent, 80A Pitt-street.

ALEXANDRIA, Mitchell-road.—Splendid BUILDING ALLOTMENTS, Torrens title, £4 per foot, terms. S. T. RODD, Estate Agent, 80A Pitt-street.

REDFERN, near Cleveland-street and MOORE PARK.—6 Terraces of Brick HOUSES, in good order, producing £378 per annum clear of all rates, taxes, and ground rent, price £4000; or will sell in one or more Terraces. S. T. RODD, Estate Agent, 80A Pitt-street.

ALEXANDRIA, Buttor-street, SPLENDID POSITION, 60 x 80, lane at rear. Torrens title; £3 per foot. Terms. S. T. RODD, Estate Agent, 80A Pitt-street.

BUXTON.—Rustic W.B. COTTAGE, on brick foundation, WIDE VERANDAH ALL ROUND, 8 rooms, bathroom, &c.; 40 acres WELL IMPROVED, orchard, &c.; WITHIN 1 MILE of station. RAINE and HORNE, 86 Pitt-street.

WOOLLAHRA.—That highly-finished and solidly-constructed FAMILY MANSION, DUNSINANE, corner OCEAN and TRELAWNEY STREETS, and CONTG. 3 reception-rooms, 7 bedrooms, and all domestic offices; coachhouse and STABLING COMPLETE; TITLE, Cooper Estate Leasehold; no Ground Rent; LAND 90 x 119 ft. Apply RAINE and HORNE, 86 Pitt-street; or BATT, RODD, and PURVES, 82 Pitt-street.

HALF-ACRE BLOCKS. RESTHOLME ESTATE, LINDFIELD, Main Gordon-road and Treatt's-road. FOR PRIVATE SALE, AT REDUCED PRICES. Also Restholme House, 10 rooms, &c., and 1½ acre. Plans from HARDIE and GORMAN, 133 Pitt-street.

RANDWICK.—For SALE, faithfully-built 2-story HOUSE, brick, stone foundation, splendid healthy position, Alison-road, overlooking sea, 10 rooms, kitchen, laundry, outhouses, &c., suitable private family, school, or boarding establishment, cost £2800, price £1400, deposit £500, balance long term, great bargain, owner leaving Sydney. Apply S. SULLIVAN, 21 Bligh-street, city.

TURRAMURRA.
GENTLEMAN'S RESIDENCE and GROUNDS, close to station.
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TERRACE PROPERTY, close city, £10,000, return 6 per cent. net.
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NORTH SYDNEY.—6 Det. Cottages, £148 p.a., £1475.
CITY.—Terrace, close station, £157 p.a., £1500.
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ASHFIELD.—Handsome detached COTTAGE, short distance from station, contains large drawing and dining rooms, 4 large bedrooms, vestibule, kitchen, pantry, and bathroom. The cottage is splendidly built, is in perfect order, and has every convenience. The land, 105 x 205, is tastefully laid out as flower and vegetable garden, and has extensive fowl runs. Torrens Title, and can be bought for a low figure. GEO. E. WEATHERILL, Hercules-street, Ashfield.

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ASHFIELD.—Detached Double-fronted COTTAGE, on stone foundation, 3 large rooms, kitchen, laundry (fitted), very convenient, 66 x 110, price £330. GEO. E. WEATHERILL, Hercules-street, Ashfield.

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STANMORE.—Pair pretty Villa COTTAGES, 4 rooms, kit., £700, rents £72 16s. Kitt and Co., 28 Eliz.-st.

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Two minutes from BEECROFT STATION. Water Mains laid to the Estate. ALLOTMENTS with 66ft. FRONTAGES, FROM £40 PER LOT.
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LEURA, Great Bargain.—For Sale, splendidly finished New Cottage, Sylvania, £400. Eyre and Co., 94 Pitt-st.

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CASH OR TIME PAYMENT. Ten HORSES, light and heavy, suit any business; small Pony, suit girl or boy; Pony, Village Cart, Harness, £10; Pony, Sulky, Harness, £10; new Dealer's Van, Horse and Harness, lot £12; 2 light Staircase 'Buses, £5; good single Hooded Buggy, small mounted-silver Sulky; 10 Sulkies, new and second-hand; 2 light Single-horse Lorries; Farm, Spring, Tip, and Timber Drays; Grocers', Pagnol, Spring, Village, and Dealers' Vans; 2 light Express Waggons; 50 Sets of Harness of all descriptions. Largest and Cheapest Saleyard in Sydney. ROBO's, Pine or Stream streets, off Abercrombie-street, back of St. Benedict's Church, off George-street West. Letters and country orders attended to immediately.

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TO CARRIERS.—First-class Single Horse LORRY, about 10cwt., carry 35cwt.; also, very light Lorry, base wood; sell very cheap. M. ELLIS, Waggon Builder, 17 and 19 Glebe-street, Glebe.

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DALWOOD and CO., Ltd., COMPLETE HOUSE FURNISHERS, BATHURST-STREET, take this opportunity of wishing all their numerous patrons THE COMPLIMENTS of the SEASON, and desire to intimate that they will continue, during 1903 to give customers the BEST FURNITURE at the LOWEST FIGURE in the CITY.
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Funerals.

THE Funeral of the late WILLIAM OWNER-LANE will move from the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. Aarons, Carnyle, Fisher-street, Petersham, THIS WEDNESDAY, at 8 a.m., for Redfern station (9.25 a.m. train to Windsor for interment).
Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Undertaker.

CROSS.—The Friends of Mrs. MARY CROSS are respectfully invited to attend her Funeral; to leave her late residence, 69 Pyrmont Bridge-road, Glebe, THIS MORNING, at 8.30, for the Necropolis.
COFFILL and COMPANY,
Main Depot, Harris-street.
Central Office, 812 George-street.
Tel., 494, &c.

TRAYNOR.—The Friends of Mr. CHARLES TRAYNOR are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved MOTHER, Catherine; to leave Prince Alfred Hospital, THIS (Wednesday) MORNING, at a quarter to 9 o'clock, for R. C. Cemetery, Rookwood, via Newtown station.
W. N. BULL and COMPANY,
Undertakers,
Newtown and Balmain.

TRAYNOR.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH SHIERLAW are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved MOTHER, Catherine Traynor; to leave Prince Alfred Hospital, THIS (Wednesday) MORNING, at a quarter to 9 o'clock, for R. C. Cemetery, Rookwood, via Newtown station.
W. N. BULL and COMPANY, Undertakers,
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WENCK.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. HERMANN WENCK are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SON, Rudolf, which will leave their residence, 49 Mansfield-street, Balmain, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for Necropolis, via Mortuary station.
W. N. BULL and COMPANY,
Undertakers,
Newtown and Balmain.

HOCROFT.—The Friends of Mr. THOMAS HOCROFT are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved WIFE Hellen, which will move from his residence, No. 37 Merton-street, Balmain West (Rozelle), THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for the Necropolis, via Mortuary Station.
WOOD and COMPANY.
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BACKHOUSE.—The Relatives and Friends of the late Mr. JOSEPH BACKHOUSE are respectfully informed that his remains will leave Harefield, 11 Belmore-street, Balmain West, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for the Necropolis. By request, no flowers.
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THE OFFICERS and MEMBERS of No. 88 L.O.L. are requested to attend the Funeral of their late MEMBER, Joseph Backhouse, which will leave his late residence, Belmore-street, Rozelle, at 1 o'clock, for Necropolis.
R. SHEPHERD, W.M.; A. SINFIELD, Sec.

M'KEON.—The Friends of the deceased Mrs. MARGARET M'KEON are respectfully invited to attend her Funeral; to leave her late residence, 45 Foucart-street, Rozelle, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for the Necropolis.
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KENNY.—The Friends of Mrs. ROSE KENNY and the late JOHN KENNY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SON, John; which will move from her residence, Roseville, Wardell-road, Dulwich Hill, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at quarter-past 1 o'clock, for R. C. Cemetery, Rookwood, via Petersham station. WALTER JAMES WOOD, Undertaker, Marrickville-road, Marrickville.

KENNY.—The Friends of Messrs. EDWARD, THOMAS, and WILLIAM KENNY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly loved BROTHER, John; to leave his mother's residence, Roseville, Wardell-road, Dulwich Hill, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.15, for Petersham station, thence to R. C. Cemetery, Rookwood. WALTER JAMES WOOD, Undertaker, Marrickville-road, Marrickville.

KENNY.—The Friends of Misses CHARLOTTE, EMILY, and ALICE KENNY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved BROTHER, John; which will move from his mother's residence, Roseville, Wardell-road, Dulwich Hill, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at quarter-past 1 o'clock, for R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood, via Petersham station. WALTER JAMES WOOD, Undertaker, Marrickville.

KENNY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS ELLIOTT and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved BROTHER-IN-LAW and their UNCLE, John Kenny; which will move from his mother's residence, Roseville, Wardell-road, Dulwich Hill, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at quarter-past 1 o'clock, for R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood, via Petersham station. Walter James Wood, U'taker, tram term., M'ville.

MILLER.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN G. MILLER are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved SON, Gordon Charles; to leave their residence, 14 Mount-street, Pyrmont, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
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ROBERTSON.—The Funeral of the deceased Mr. JAMES ROBERTSON will leave his late residence, 25 Nithsdale-street, Hyde Park, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
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BRUMFIELD.—The Relatives and Friends of the late Mr. JAMES BRUMFIELD are kindly invited to attend his Funeral, which will move from his late residence, No. 82 Moore-street, Leichhardt, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 1 o'clock, for Field of Mars Cemetery, Ryde. WOOD and COMPANY, Undertakers and Embalmers, Sydney, Balmain, Petersham, North Sydney, &c. Telephone, 726, &c.

BRUMFIELD.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. HENRY E. D. BRUMFIELD are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved FATHER, James Brumfield, which will leave their residence, No. 82 Moore-street, Leichhardt, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 1 o'clock, for Field of Mars Cemetery, Ryde.
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BRUMFIELD.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. L. WILLIAMS are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved FATHER, James Brumfield, which will move from his late residence, No. 82 Moore-street, Leichhardt, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 1 o'clock, for Field of Mars Cemetery, Ryde.
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LACKIE.—The Friends of late JAMES A. LACKIE, late attendant Rydalmere Insane Asylum, are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to move from District Hospital, Parramatta, THIS WEDNESDAY, at 1.30, for Presbyterian Cemetery, Liverpool.
WM. METCALFE,
Undertaker,
Parramatta.

LACKIE.—The Friends of HENRY LACKIE, of Morebank, Liverpool, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved SON, James A. Lackie; to move from Parramatta Hospital, at 1.30, THIS WEDNESDAY, for Presbyterian Cemetery, Liverpool.
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SMITH.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. PHILIP SMITH are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved Infant DAUGHTER, Alice; to move from their residence, Dundatha, Weston-road, Parramatta, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for C. of E. Cemetery, Rookwood.
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CASEY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. WALTER CASEY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved adopted DAUGHTER, Nellie Cousins; to move from their residence, 120 Denison-street, Newtown, THIS DAY, at 2 p.m., for Rookwood, via Newtown station.
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REDSHAW.—The Friends of Mr. THOMAS REDSHAW, Master SAMUEL and Miss PEARL REDSHAW, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved WIFE and MOTHER, Margaret Redshaw; to move from their residence, 96 Dowling-street, Paddington, THIS DAY, Wed., at 2.30 p.m., for Waverley Cem.

REDSHAW.—The Friends of Mr. WILLIAM SUTTON, of Croydon, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved DAUGHTER, Margaret Redshaw; to move from her late residence, 96 Dowling-street, Paddington, THIS DAY, Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery. CHARLES KINSELA, 61 Oxf.-st.

REDSHAW.—The Friends of Messrs. WILLIAM and JAMES OAKES and the Misses MARY and MARGARET OAKES are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved AUNT, Margaret Redshaw; to move from 96 Dowling-st., Padd., THIS DAY, Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m., for Wav'ley Cemetery. Chas. Kinsela, D'hurst.

REDSHAW.—The Friends of Mrs. REDSHAW, Sen., and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved DAUGHTER-IN-LAW and SISTER-IN-LAW, Margaret Redshaw; to move from 96 Dowling-street, Paddington, THIS DAY (Wednesday), at 2.30 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery. CHAS. KINSELA, 765 George-st.

REDSHAW.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. BENJAMIN STOWER are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SISTER-IN-LAW, Margaret Redshaw; to move from 96 Dowling-street, Paddington, THIS DAY (Wednesday) at 2.30 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery.
CHAS. KINSELA, Rockdale.

REDSHAW.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. AUSTIN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SISTER, Margaret Redshaw; to move from 96 Dowling-street, Paddington, THIS DAY (Wednesday) at 2.30 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery.
CHAS. KINSELA, Randwick.

ELLIS.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. WM. C. ELLIS are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved DAUGHTER, Doris May; to move from their residence, 267 Crown-street, THIS DAY, Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m. for Waverley Cemetery.
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MITCHELL.—The Funeral of the deceased Mr. HENRY J. C. MITCHELL will leave his late residence, Sir Thomas Mitchell-road, Bondi Beach, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, 2.45, for the Waverley Cemetery. REUBEN W. THOMAS, Undertaker, 67 King-street, city. Tel., 1784.

LAWLOR.—The Friends of Mr. JOHN LAWLOR are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his beloved WIFE, Ellen; to leave his residence, No. 52 Grafton-street, Woollahra, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 3.15, to the R.C. Cemetery, Waverley. T. DIXON, Undertaker, 29 Oxford-street, and 304 George-street West.

LAWLOR.—The Friends of EDWIN A. LAWLOR are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his beloved MOTHER, Ellen Lawlor; to leave her late residence, 52 Grafton-street, Woollahra, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 3.15, to the Waverley Cemetery. T. DIXON, Undertaker, 29 Oxford-street. Tel., 185.

LAWLOR.—The Friends of MARGARET and MARY LAWLOR are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved MOTHER, Ellen Lawlor; to leave her late residence, 52 Grafton-street, Woollahra, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 3.15, to the Waverley Cemetery. T. DIXON, Undertaker, 29 Oxford-st. Tel., 185.

LAWLOR.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. EDWIN MEARES are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved DAUGHTER, the late Mrs. Ellen Lawlor; to leave her late residence, 52 Grafton-street, Woollahra, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 3.15, to the Waverley Cemetery. T. DIXON, Undertaker.

LAWLOR.—The Friends of Mrs. THOMAS LAWLOR are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her beloved SISTER-IN-LAW, Ellen Lawlor, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON; to leave her late residence, 52 Grafton-street, Woollahra, at 3.15, to the Waverley Cemetery.
T. DIXON, Undertaker.

LAWLOR.—The Friends of MARY and ANDREW LAWLOR are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved SISTER-IN-LAW, Ellen Lawlor, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON; to leave her late residence, 52 Grafton-street, Woollahra, at 3.15, to the Waverley Cemetery.
T. DIXON, Undertaker.

LOYAL Balmain Lodge, No. 15, Manchester Unity, I.O.O.F.—The Officers and Members of the above Lodge are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late BROTHER, James Brumfield; to move from his late residence, 82 Moore-street, Leichhardt, at 1.30 p.m., TO-DAY (Wednesday), for Field of Mars Cemetery.

ROOKE.—The Friends of the late Mr. THOMAS HESKETH ROOKE are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to move from Sydney Hospital, Domain entrance, TO-MORROW (Thursday) MORNING, at 8.30, for Balmain Cemetery. F. W. HARTLEY, Undertaker, 229 King-street, Newtown.

ROOKE.—The Friends of HENRY T. H., ALBERT C. H., and Miss ROOKE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved FATHER, Thomas; to move from Sydney Hospital, Domain entrance, TO-MORROW (Thursday) MORNING, at 8.30, for Balmain Cemetery. HARTLEY, Undertaker, Newtown.

MUNN.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. MUNN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved SON, Arthur Stephen; to move from their residence, 233 Kent-street, TO-MORROW (Thursday), at 1.30 p.m., for the Necropolis.
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MURPHY.—The Friends of the late BARTHOLOMEW MURPHY are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to move from his late residence, 52 Maria-street, Newtown, TO-MORROW (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock sharp.
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MURPHY.—The Friends of Mrs. BARTHOLOMEW MURPHY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved HUSBAND; to move from No. 52 Maria-street, Newtown, TO-MORROW AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock. T. J. ANDREWS, Undertaker, Railway Bridge, Newtown. Tel., 138 Newtown.

MURPHY.—The Friends of BARTHOLOMEW, WILLIAM, and FRANK MURPHY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved FATHER; to leave No. 52 Maria-street, Newtown, TO-MORROW, 2 p.m., for Roman Catholic Cemetery, Rookwood. T. J. ANDREWS, Undertaker, 187 Devonshire-street, city.

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RESOLUTION.

That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to borrow the sum of £28,000 for the purpose of paying off existing Debentures of the Company of a similar amount by the issue of new Debentures redeemable in 7 years, such Debentures to bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, payable quarterly, and to be in such form as the Directors think expedient; and that the repayment of the moneys, payable according to the tenor of the said Debentures, be secured by a Trust Deed, Mortgages, and charges over the undertaking of the Company and over all its real and personal property and assets, both present and future, including its uncalled capital for the time being.

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By order of the Board.
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WANTED, Light General, elderly person preferred, sleep home. 486 Castlereagh-st., opp. Public School.

WANTED, smart LAD for kitchen work. Apply Chef, Hotel Grand Central, Clarence-st.

WANTED, honest LAD, 14, deliver milk, sleep home if pref. M'Gregor, Northwood-st., Camperdown.

WANTED, young GIRL to mind baby. Apply Kensington Hotel, Kensington-st., George-st. West.

WANTED, a General SERVANT, 2 in family, Linden Hall, Mrs. Hull, Annandale-st., Annandale.

WANTED at once, GENERAL. 23 Jamieson-st., city.

WANTED, smart WAITRESS. Apply 472 George-st., opp. Vic. Markets.

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Hoeven, Herald Office.

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